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When Satoshi Kashiwabara went to Nichoume, he fell in love for the first time with Nichoume's prince, a known playboy. But right after they kissed, he received a message saying his father was in critical condition and left the hotel. A few days later, however, he found himself living with his step-brother who turned out to be the prince himself!!! It's a romantic comedy about step-brothers suddenly living together knowing they can't be together.

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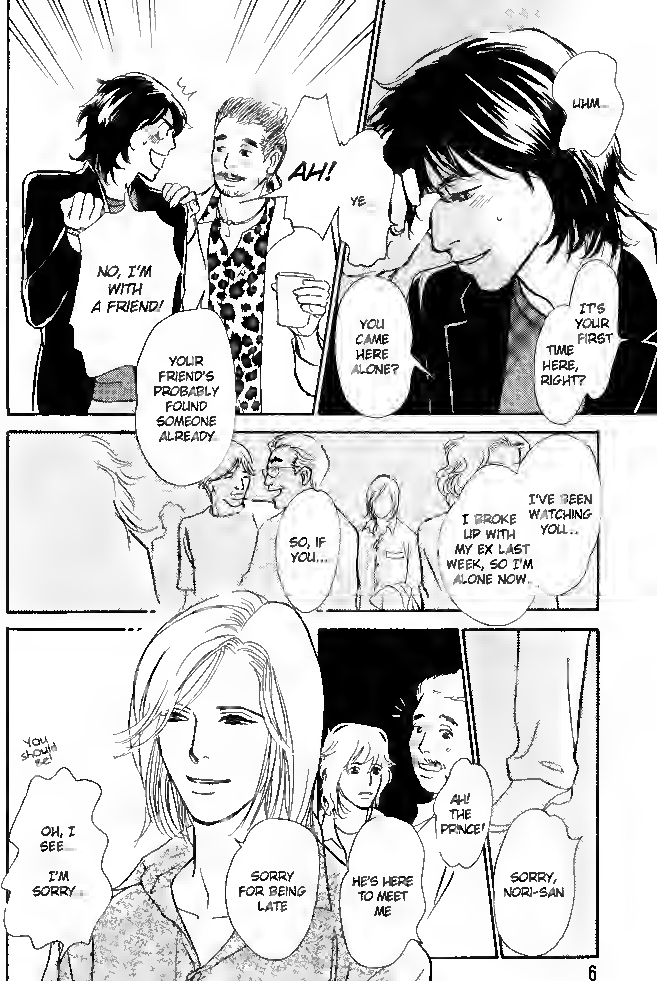
Boku no Yasashii Oniisan

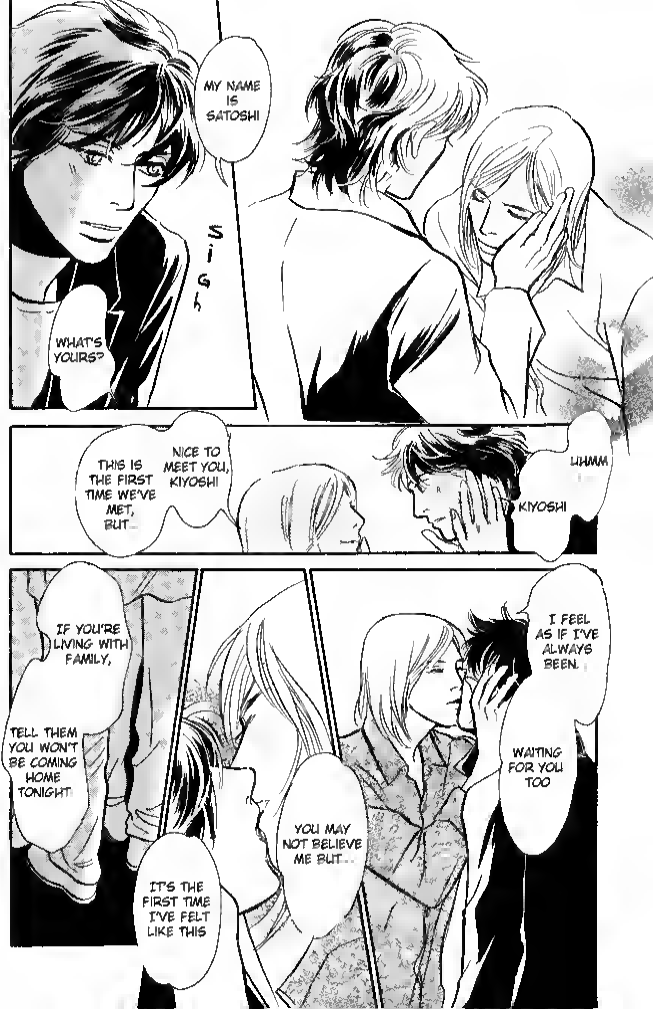
CHAPTER 1

A REALLY SIMPLE THING
IN A SINGLE MOMENT I REALIZED
The office lady
The lady
The femme fatale
THAT NONE OF WHAT I HAD BEFORE WAS LOVE
Memories flashing by.
The shorty type
GULP
AND THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I FELL IN LOVE...
Watch out!
THAT WAS ALSO THE NIGHT I FIRST WENT TO NICHOLIME
Who is he?
A new guy?

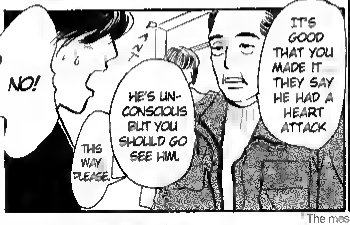
I'M SURE HE ALSO KNEW
THAT I FELL IN LOVE WITH HIM.
YOU'RE LEAVING ALREADY?
YOU JUST GOT HERE, DIDN'T YOU?


UHM...
IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME HERE, RIGHT?
AH!
YE
YOU CAME HERE ALONE?
NO, I'M WITH A FRIEND!
YOUR FRIEND'S PROBABLY FOUND SOMEONE ALREADY
I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU...
I BROKE UP WITH MY EX LAST WEEK, SO I'M ALONE NOW...
SO, IF YOU...
AH! THE PRINCE!
SORRY, NORI-SAN
HE'S HERE TO MEET ME
SORRY FOR BEING LATE
OH, I SEE...
I'M SORRY...
YOU SHOULD BE!

TH...
THANK YOU!
WERE YOU WAITING FOR ME?
YOU'RE LEAVING?
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU ALL MY LIFE
YES
SORRY, THIS IS MY FIRST TIME DOING THIS
I THOUGHT SO
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
I'M 19
YOU GO TO COL-LEGE?
YES... UHM...
M... MAY I TOUCH YOU?


MY NAME IS SATOSHI
sigh
WHAT'S YOURS?
UHMM
KIYOSHI
NICE TO MEET YOU, KIYOSHI
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE MET, BUT...
I FEEL AS IF I'VE ALWAYS BEEN...
WAITING FOR YOU TOO
IF YOU'RE LIVING WITH FAMILY,
TELL THEM YOU WON'T BE COMING HOME TONIGHT
YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE ME BUT...
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE FELT LIKE THIS

PLEASE
OK, I WILL
REALLY?! I'LL CALL HOME, TOO, THEN
I'LL GO SHOWER, OKAY?
YES, I'LL TEXT HOME WHILE YOU DO.
WAIT
WHAT'S THIS?
IS THIS REAL?
I never imagined this would happen
I THOUGHT I'D JUST OBSERVE TODAY
BUT IF THAT KISS WAS REAL
I'VE NEVER KISSED LIKE THAT BEFORE
OH, A MESSAGE
CREAK
KYOSHI?
WHAT THE
SORRY FOR THE WAIT



*The message is written in the same way that telegrams were fo

NO, NO, HE'S NOT MY FATHER.
75?!
HE'S GRANDDAD'S FATHER! HE'S 75!
NO THIS PATIENT IS IN HIS 40'S...
HE IS YOUR FATHER, AKIRA.
WHAT?
WHERE'S HIS WIFE?
I WAS PLANNING ON GIVING HIM A FUNERAL AT HOME
AND MY MOM DIED IN A HOSPITAL ONE YEAR AGO
WHEN I WAS THREE, MY FATHER REMARRIED AND LEFT HOME
HIS NEW WIFE DIDN'T WANT TO TAKE ME IN
I HEARD THEY'RE DIVORCED
AND SHE TOOK HER KIDS WITH HER AND LEFT,
WHICH IS WHY THEY CALLED OUR HOUSE INSTEAD
SATOSHI,
TAKE DAD AND GET A HAIRCUT TOMORROW
HUH?

I'M HOME
GO HOME NOW, GRAMPS
I'M HERE ALREADY
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU HAVE CLASSES TOMORROW, RIGHT?
I'LL STAY HERE TONIGHT, SO
TAKE CARE OF YOUR FATHER'S BREAKFAST
SHEESH!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT, YOU KNOW?
WELCOME HOME
DID YOU GO TO THE HOSPITAL?
YEP,
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE LONG GRANDPA SAID WE SHOULD GET A HAIRCUT TOMORROW FOR THE WAKE
SNIP
SNIP
ISN'T IT JUST BECAUSE YOUR GRANDPA WANTED SOME TIME TO CRY ALONE?
SNIP
SNIP
THAT GUY WOULD RATHER DIE THAN HAVE SOMEONE SEE HIM CRY

GREAT-GRAND-PA,
A WHILE BACK I...
YES?
NO NEVER MIND
SNIP
THERE'S NOTHING HARDER FOR A PARENT THAN LOSING A CHILD
DON'T FORGET YOUR PARENTS SO EASILY
SNIP
SNIP
IT'S TOO LATE NOW I WON'T HAVE ANY PARENTS SOON
OH I SEE
IS IT ABOUT LOVE?
ACK! HOW DID YOU KNOW?!
THAT'S THE ONLY THING 15-YEAR OLD GUYS THINK ABOUT.
ACTUALLY, I WAS ALREADY A FATHER AT YOUR AGE
IS SHE CUTE?
YEAH...
I HAVEN'T TOLD MY FAMILY YET

WILL I EVER BE ABLE TO TELL THEM?
OR IS THIS MY PUNISHMENT?
SO IT SEEMS.
BY THE WAY, I HEAR I HAVE A SISTER OR A BROTHER.
SENPAI
HISA-MATSU
I CAN'T...
STOP! IT'LL GET CREASES!
WHOA!
I CAN'T HELP IT ANYMORE!
HISA-MATSU YOU AND YOUR SUIT ARE TOO LOUD
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU IN SUCH CLOTHES BEFORE
OH, MAN...
BY THE WAY HISA-MATSU
REALLY?
AND WHAT'S UP WITH THAT RED NECKTIE?

DID YOU GO TO A HOTEL?
YUP.
YOU SAID THAT I MIGHT BE GAY. WELL, SORRY, I THINK I AM.
I FELL IN LOVE LAST NIGHT
WHAT?! REALLY?
SO, THAT'S WHY YOU DIDN'T COME TO OUR MEETING PLACE
H-HOW CAN YOU DO THIS?!
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN YOUR FIRST TIME!
SHHH!
WHO WAS HE? DO I KNOW HIM?
SHUT UP, HISAMATSU
WAS HE HOT?
REALLY HOT
OH MY GOD, NO!
HIS NAME'S "SATO-SHI"
UHM... THEY CALLED HIM "THE PRINCE"
YOU HAVE THE SAME NAME! I DON'T KNOW HIM!
THE PRINCE?!
WITH THE PRINCE ON YOUR FIRST TIME?!
HE'S THE LEGENDARY ETOILE OF NICHOLIME!

HE'S A PLAYBOY, SENPAI
IS HE REALLY?
SIGH!
MAN I REALLY SHOULD HAVE GONE WITH YOU
YOU WERE NAIVE AND SO EASILY DEVOURED BY HIM
BUT, I DON'T MIND IF I'M NOT YOUR
I SO WANT FIRST... TO DO IT WITH YOU IN THAT SUIT!
NO, WE CAN'T! I'M SORRY!
I DON'T LIKE YOU LIKE THAT!
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?
YOU DON'T LIKE ME 'CAUSE I'M SHORT
I'VE ALWAYS ADMITTED THAT I LIKE YOU
UHM, I THINK GUYS SHOULD BE 180-SOMETHING CENTIME-TRES...
SATO-SHI,
THE MONK IS HERE

YES, COMING!
WH- WHO WAS THAT?
HE LOOKS LIKE A BAR OWNER WITHOUT A NATIONALITY
HE'S SO COOL!
IS HE YOUR GRANDDAD?
THAT'S MY GREAT-GRAND-DAD
MY GRANDDAD IS THE ONE BESIDE HIM
GREAT-GRAND-DAD?!
HOW OLD ARE THEY?
GRAMPS IS 60 AND GREAT-GRANDDAD IS 75
THEY MAY BE 15 YEARS APART BUT THEY'RE FATHER AND SON
WHAT?
GREAT-GRANDDAD WAS 15 WHEN WE WERE ABOUT TO LOSE THE WAR
HE SAID THERE WEREN'T ANY FIGHTER PLANES LEFT AT THAT TIME, THOUGH
BUT SINCE GREAT-GRAND-DAD WAS AN ONLY CHILD, HIS PARENTS WORRIED THAT HE'D DIE WITHOUT LEAVING CHILDREN
SO THEY GOT HIM MARRIED PRIVATELY
PEOPLE BACK THEN WERE INCREDIBLE. THEY COULD GET MARRIED AT 15?
I GUESS?

THE GUESTS WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND
THIS IS A SERIOUS RESPONSIBILITY
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
THE PRESSURE IS ON
IF I DON'T CRY BY THE COFFIN
WILL ANYONE ELSE CRY?
I COULD CRY IF SOMEONE ELSE WOULD
BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE I WAS THREE...
I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING!
I'LL GATHER ALL MY MEMORIES.
SATOSHI-SAN...
BUT, MY STUPID FATHER...
DAD...
WE COULD HAVE HAD SUCH A GREAT NIGHT
PLEASE SAY YOUR LAST GOODBYES
Not yet!
MAN...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?

DAD, DAD...!
GOODBYE!
Uwahhhhh
THANKS FOR EVERYTHING DAD!
GOOD-BYE, REST IN PEACE, DAD!
WHO ARE THEY?
Waahhh
Uwahh
ARE THEY HIS OTHER CHILDREN?
IT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER IF WE HAD HAD THE FUNERAL AT THEIR PLACE
I THINK SO, TOO
I'M TOO SURPRISED BY THEM TO CRY...
It's not like you're actually crying!
?

I'M SHOGO KASHIWABARA, AKIRA'S FATHER.
THIS IS MY FATHER ISAO
LET US INTRODUCE OURSELVES
DAD REMARRIED WHEN I WAS THREE.
Have a drink.
THIS IS MY GRANDSON, SATOSHI. HE'S A FIRST YEAR IN SENIOR HIGH.
SO, I THOUGHT I HAD A BROTHER OR A SISTER AT LEAST THREE YEARS YOUNGER
BUT APPARENTLY, I HAD AN OLDER BROTHER. FOUR YEARS OLDER!
WHAT!!!
KIND OF, YOUR DAD AND NOBUKO-SAN WERE MARRIED BEFORE YOUR DAD MARRIED YOUR MOM
AREN'T THEY THE SECOND FAMILY?
I'M NOBUKO IRIE
I'M AKIRA'S EX-WIFE
THIS IS MY FIRST-BORN, AKIHITO KASHIWABARA
HE'S IN HIS SECOND YEAR OF COLLEGE

EVEN IF YOU LOOK SO GLOOMY...
INHERITANCE?! WHY DO YOU...!
UM... IF IT'S ABOUT THE INHERITANCE JUST TALK TO THE LAWYER...
GUESS SO...
CAN WE SAY THAT?
THAT MEANS THAT WE'RE THE SECOND FAMILY?
AND THEY GOT BACK TOGETHER?
I'M SORRY FOR BEING SO LOUD EARLIER.
EXCUSE ME...
THIS ROOM IS FOR FAMILY ONLY
IT'S YOUR RIGHT AFTER ALL...
WE'RE NOT REALLY
I'M SORRY BUT, I DON'T HAVE ANY SYMPATHY FOR YOU
SORRY, WE WEREN'T ABLE TO ATTEND TO YOU
SO WHICH WIFE WERE YOU?
SANAE KATSUSHIKA
I... AM SORT OF FAMILY I'M KATSUSHIKA
UHM...

AFTER GETTING A NEW BROTHER I GET A MOTHER.
THE SECOND
DON'T YOU RECOG-NIZE ME?
SATOSHI...
I'M YOUR MOTHER.
UHMM...
THIS IS QUITE EMBAR-RASSING
WHY DIDN'T YOU HAVE A HAIRCUT TOO?
LOOK SATOSHI, YOUR GREAT-GRANDDAD LOOKS LIKE A BASS PLAYER IN A JAZZ BAR. AREN'T YOU ASHAMED?
I DIDN'T HAVE TIME! I DIDN'T THINK I WOULD HAVE TO STAY UNTIL MORNING
IT'S NOT THAT...
WHAT DO YOU TAKE ME FOR?
I'M 15 NOW AND YET, I DIDN'T KNOW MY MOTHER WAS ALIVE!

I'VE BEEN EMBARRASSED IN FRONT OF THE WHOLE FAMILY!
SHE JUST TOLD ME SHE'S MY MOTHER!
I never even knew what she looked like! We had no pictures!
IT'S LIKE A SCENE FROM "MABUTA NO HAHA"!
IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY TO AKIRA?
WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU GUYS?
"MABUTA NO HAHA" IS A NOVEL
Made in Italy
Western cigar
ALL YOU THINK OF IS YOUR IMAGE!
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK!
WHY DID YOU TELL ME SHE WAS DEAD?
BECAUSE IF YOU KNEW SHE WAS ALIVE YOU WOULD WANT TO SEE HER.
SHE'S ALREADY RE-MARRIED AND HAS CHILDREN, YOU KNOW.
THE PRINCE?
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM HERE AT ALL.
KNOWING THAT GUY, HE'S PROBABLY CRUISING
ALREADY?

I HAVEN'T DATED HIM. BUT IF YOU WANNA KNOW...
...WHICH SIDE HE SWINGS TO
THE PRINCE IS VERSATILE. THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!
HE'S A VERSA
MAN, THAT'S TOUGH!
WHAT? SO YOU LIED WHEN YOU TOLD ME YOU WENT OUT WITH HIM?
THAT'S ACTUALLY MY FRIENDS' FRIEND.
YOU'RE NOT EVEN CONNECTED ANYMORE!
YOU SHOULD GO TO HER.
HUH? WHY ME?
BECAUSE SHE CAME HERE TO SEE YOU.
BUT, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO ACT.
YOU'RE ACTING AS IF YOU'RE NOT HER CHILD.
I DON'T WANT TO TALK BAD ABOUT THOSE WHO'VE DIED, BUT
I CURSE AKIRA-SAN
I THOUGHT NORIKO-SAN HAD BEEN RAISING SATOSHI FOR THE LAST 12 YEARS

HAD I KNOWN THAT HE ALSO LEFT, I WOULD HAVE FETCHED YOU EARLIER.
I KEPT CRYING, THINKING IT WAS BETTER THAN LEAVING HIM AT DAY CARE
I ALSO HAD A DIVORCE AT THE TIME AND HAD TO WORK
"EARLIER"?
"FETCHED"?
NOBUKO-SAN IS NOBUKO-SAN, BUT
ANYWAY, I SHOULD STOP BRINGING UP THE PAST.
CAN I SEE SATOSHI?
THEN I CARRIED YOU ON MY BACK ALL THE WAY TO THE HOSPITAL
NO, WE JUST REALLY LIKE NEW THINGS
I DIDN'T RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION ON YOUR WHEREABOUTS. I FELT AS IF YOU WERE DOING IT ON PURPOSE!
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU MOVED IN THE PAST 12 YEARS?
I HAVEN'T THOUGHT OF MY FUTURE THAT MUCH...
UHMM
HAVE YOU JOINED CLUBS? ANY FUTURE PLANS?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING THESE DAYS? IS SCHOOL FUN?
YUP, SCHOOL'S ALWAYS FUN
OH... I'M SORRY I'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THINGS YOU DON'T EVEN REMEMBER.

AND THEN...?
I WANT TO STAY WITH A FOSTER FAMILY OVERSEAS AND STUFF LIKE THAT
I WANT TO EXPERIENCE A OT BEFORE I GRADUATE
I PROMISE I WON'T LAUGH
WELL?
YOU MIGHT LAUGH AT ME, BUT...
I WANT TO BE THE COMMANDER OF THE SELF-DEFENCE FORCE!
JUST KIDDING IT'S MY DREAM TO REFORM THE NATIONAL ARMY
WHAT IF YOU GO FOR A MANAGEMENT COURSE AFTER GRADUATING FROM THE NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY OF JAPAN?
The World of Top Gu
The World's Civil War
Kamikaze Academia
All of Yamato
Deep Blue
Silent Service
Silent Service
Silent Service
Silent Service
Silent Service
Silent Service
A Normal Country's
A Normal Country's
JUST KIDDING AGAIN...
I HAVEN'T DECIDED BETWEEN THE NAVY AIR FORCE, OR THE ARMY
WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU PUTTING INTO SATOSHI'S HEAD?!
WHAT...?

I'M TAKING SATOSHI TO LIVE WITH ME!
I CAN'T LEAVE HIM WITH YOU ANY LONGER!
NO, WE WERE ACTUALLY TEACHING HIM THE IMPORTANCE OF LIFE.
HE'S JUST BEING BRAINWASHED BY YOUR TALL TALES OF THE KAMIKAZE PILOTS!
THESE DAYS, SOLDIERS LIVES ARE PUT IN DANGER IN THE MIDDLE EAST!
WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU RAISING A MILITANT FOR?!
UHM...
UHM...
TALL TALES?
I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT HOW COOL IT'D BE
TO BE SECOND IN COMMAND OR TO FLY A FIGHTER JET
THAT'S WHAT YOUR MOM HATES THE MOST
You could have stuck to the foster family
I WASN'T REALLY SERIOUS WHEN I TOLD HER ABOUT BEING A COMMANDER!
KIDS ARE KNOWN FOR MAKING STORIES UP, RIGHT?
I'M NOT REALLY PLANNING TO CHANGE THE CONSTITUTION!
I GUESS I SHOULD'VE JUST SAID I WANTED TO BE THE PRIME MINISTER?

I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT WOMEN
SO I DIDN'T KNOW WHICH SHE'D LIKE
SATO-SHI,
DON'T YOU WANT TO LIVE WITH YOUR MOM?
HUH?
HE SEEMS TO HAVE PROMISED TO PAY AKIHITO'S TUITION UNTIL HE GRADUATES COLLEGE.
SO, WHY DO YOU HAVE TO SELL THE PLACE?
I DON'T! WHY? DO I HAVE TO?
WE MIGHT HAVE TO SELL THIS APARTMENT
IT LOOKS LIKE AKIRA DIDN'T HAVE MUCH
THAT'S EXPECTED SINCE HE KEPT ON REMARRYING
AKI-HITO IS ALSO MY GRAND-SON
I DON'T BUT, WANT HIM TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL AND THEN THERE'S YOUR TUITION TOO
MAYBE WE SHOULD GO TO A SHELTER.
THE PRINCE?
HE DOESN'T COME HERE ANY-MORE?
THEN WHERE COULD I FIND HIM?

I HAVE A BOYFRIEND NOW
I'D DATE YOU IF I WERE SINGLE SORRY
YOU ONLY GET ONE CHANCE IN THIS WORLD.
"I'VE ALWAYS BEEN WAITING FOR YOU"
WELL
glance
THE PRINCE IS DATING SOMEONE NOW
IT LOOKS SERIOUS 'CAUSE THEY'RE LIVING TOGETHER
RUMOUR HAS IT HE'S A TALL PRETTY BOY
TOO BAD, HUH?
I THOUGHT I COULD COME HERE TO SEE HIM AGAIN
APPARENTLY THAT WAS MY ONLY CHANCE
IT'S RARE FOR PEOPLE TO FIND THE ONE DESTINED FOR THEM
"WE'RE NOT MEANT FOR EACH OTHER" IS JUST AN EXCUSE USED BY PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T GRAB THE CHANCE
OF COURSE, IF YOU DON'T GRAB IT THE CHANCE WILL JUST SLIP AWAY.

GREAT-GRAND-DAD...
YOU CAN STILL GO TO SCHOOL
BUT, HOW ABOUT KURATA-SENSEI'S DOJO?
WELL, I'M NOT GOOD AT KARATE OR AIKIDO YET
I CAN'T SLEEP THINKING I'M JUST 15 YET AND I'VE ALREADY BECOME AN ADULT... BESIDES,
WHAT WILL I DO IF I DON'T GROW ANY TALLER ANYMORE?
ASK YOUR MOM.
WHY SHOULD I GO?
THINK ABOUT IT...
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIVING WITH US.
BUT YOU'VE BARELY SPENT ANY TIME WITH YOUR MOTHER.
I HEAR YOUR MOM HAS ANOTHER SON.
THEY'VE BEEN LIVING TOGETHER SINCE SHE HAD A DIVORCE WITH HER SECOND HUSBAND.

COME IN COME IN!
TEPPEI IS CLEANING THE ROOM FOR YOU RIGHT NOW
LI-I-MM.
SATOSHI-CHAN'S HERE!
COMING!
LI-MM "-CHAN" IS...
WELCOME!
I'M WORRIED ABOUT LEAV-ING THE OLD GUYS ALONE SO IT'S NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER I'M STAY-ING HERE
I UNDER-STAND
TEPPEI! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HI! I'M TEPPEI KATSUSHIKA
WOW HE'S TALL
HOW ABOUT SOME TEA, SATOSHI-CHAN?
ANOTHER OLDER BROTHER?
TEPPEI IS 25 YEARS OLD SO HE'S YOUR OLDER BROTHER.
HE'S THE SON OF MY EX-HUSBAND HE CHOSE TO LIVE WITH ME DUE TO CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

I'M NOT THAT TALL
I'M 180CM
OH YEAH! YOU'RE TALL FOR YOUR AGE, TOO
SATOSHI-KUN, THEN?
SATOSHI-CHAN, YOU'RE 15, RIGHT?
A 1ST YEAR IN SENIOR HIGH?
YES, UHM... PLEASE DROP THE "-CHAN"
SATOSHI-CHA... SATOSHI.
I'VE HEARD ABOUT THE PROBLEMS REGARDING AKIHITO-KUN'S TUITION NOBUKO-SAN IS HAVING DIFFICULTIES, TOO
SO, I'VE BEEN THINK-ING...
I'M WORKING...
SO MAYBE I COULD PAY FOR AKIHITO-KUN'S TUITION
STARE
THAT WAY, YOUR GRANDFATHERS WON'T HAVE TO LEAVE THE APARTMENT
UHM BUT
ON ONE CONDITION, THOUGH...
YOU HAVE TO LIVE HERE WITH US!
COUGH
S-SORRY
OH MY GOD!
TEC-CHAN!
YOU'VE ALREADY AGREED TO THIS, RIGHT?

NO IT'S NOT THAT!
I'LL GO GET A TOWEL!
"IT'S THE FIRST TIME I FELT LIKE THIS"
TEPPEI KATSUSHIKA...
WHY'D YOU CHOOSE THAT NAME?!
SATOSHI...
ARE YOU THE PRINCE?
-SAN?
WHAT?!
SAME TO YOU.
WELL, I GUESS YOU COULD READ THE CHARACTER FOR "SATOSHI" AS "KIYOSHI"
I WANTED TO BE WITH MOM SO I ASKED HER TO ADOPT ME
"TEPPEI" CAME FROM SOME MOVIE MY DAD LIKED SO MUCH
I DIDN'T REALIZE IT WAS YOU. YOU CHANGED YOUR HAIR.
IT WAS GETTING HARD TO MAINTAIN
YOUR HAIR IS DIFFERENT, TOO
AND YOU SAID YOU WERE 19, AND A COLLEGE STUDENT, RIGHT?

IT'S A GOOD THING NOTHING HAPPENED THAT NIGHT
GOD PROBABLY STEPPED ON THE BREAKS
THESE GUYS HAVEN'T BEEN HELPING AT ALL.
BUT, I GUESS HE WON'T BE SHOWING UP HERE FOR A WHILE
THEY SAY HIS NAME IS KIYOSHI.
THEY'VE BEEN TOGETHER FOR AROUND 6 MONTHS
WHAT THE HELL?
HE'S THE PRINCE'S FAVOURITE! THEY SAY THEY'RE BUSY CLEANING THEIR HOUSE.
OBVIOUS, ISN'T IT?
THAT'S...
YOU WON'T TELL MOM, WILL YOU? SATOSHI-KUN?
DO YOU WANT ANOTHER CAKE, SATOSHI-KUN?
I CAN'T HEAR YOU
YES!
End of chapter 1

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LOOK AT POOR AKUHITO HE WANTS SOMEONE TO QUALITY CHECK HIM
THE PRINCE OF NICHOUME NEEDS UNDERARM CLEANERS~
OTOME SCANS NEEDS YOU!
SATOSHI IS FEELING NEEDY... FOR AN EDITOR~
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IN THIS CHAPTER, SATOSHI'S
GRANDFATHER AND
GREAT-GRANDFATHER
ARE BOTH REFERRED TO AS
おじいちゃん (OJII-CHAN)
AND SO IT HAS BEEN
TRANSLATED AS THIS

第二話 Chapter Two

Sub FATHER IS CRITICAL
DAICHI HOSPITAL
..OJII-CHAN!
YOU'RE LATE, SATOSHI!
HURRY UP AND GO SEE YOUR FATHER
NOT MY FATHER, I MEANT YOURS
EH...!?
IF YOU'RE BOTH ALIVE? THEN WHO'S CRITICAL...
No! This is just too cruel!
Eh!?
The first fated encounter of my life...
No, I must be dreaming...
The Prince!?

In all my fifteen years of life, I never once swung that way
Until I met him
AH...
sniff sniff
THANK GOOD-NESS IT WAS JUST A DREAM
I DIDN'T EVEN CRY AT MY DAD'S WAKE
THAT WAS EMBARR-ASSING
And his ex-wife's family were way too emot-ional
FATHER!
FARE-WELL!
WAAH WAAH WAAH

SFX SPLASH!
I CAN'T HANDLE ALL THIS CRAZINESS
On top of that, my mother, whom I'd always assumed was dead, suddenly reappeared
SATOSHI...
I'M YOUR MOTHER
WELL, AT LEAST SOMETHING GOOD HAPPENED
That night, I fell hopelessly for
an older man. It was love at first sight
SORRY FOR BEING LATE
I'VE ALREADY MADE PLANS WITH THIS PERSON

Ah
This sucks
THAT DAMN TEXT MESSAGE, I SHOULD'VE JUST IGNORED IT~
HOTEL?
AND WE EVEN MADE IT TO A HOTEL...
SIZZLE SIZZLE
IF ONLY WE HAD GOTTEN FURTHER
AND ONE MORE GAY MAN WAS BORN INTO THIS WORLD
SLAM!
HOW DID YOU EVEN PAY FOR THE ROOM?
SATOSHI... YOU'RE JUST IN HIGHSCHOOL AND YOU'RE ALREADY FREQUENTING HOTELS?
NO...!
OJII-CHAN...
AH!
SATOSHI, YOU SHOULD TELL ME IF YOU NEED MORE POCKET MONEY
IT'S CALLED ENKO*
YOU'RE NOT DOING BENKO, ARE YOU?
RUSHED OUT AFTER YOU FINISHED YOUR BUSINESS?
hey hey
AH. .
WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED? I GOT THE TEXT THEN RUSHED OUT...
RING RING RING RING RING RING

*T/N: ENKO (SOMETIMES WRITTEN AS ENJO-KOUSEI) IS COMPENSATED DATING

NO... I DOUBT IT
THAT WAS MY FIRST AND ONLY CHANCE
...SO YOU WERE IN A HOTEL?
KASHIWA-BARA SPEAKING
AH HELLO THANK YOU FOR CALLING
Shh Shh
YES
.....
WELL, THERE'LL BE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES
"...Thank goodness we didn't go any further"
I'VE ALREADY BEEN REJECTED
"God must've stepped on the breaks"
...WAS THAT THE REAL ESTATE AGENT?
THEY WANT TO SPEAK WITH US TODAY ABOUT SELLING THIS HOUSE
IT WAS ONCE IN A LIFETIME ENCOUNTER NOTHING WILL HAPPEN BETWEEN US NOW
GIVING UP BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN REJECTED ISN'T THAT A BIT TOO CYNICAL OF YOU?

EHH?
SELLING? WE'RE SELLING THIS HOUSE?!
IT'S FIVE YEARS OLD NOW SO IT WON'T BE WORTH MUCH
BUT THE LOCATION'S NOT BAD
SATOSHI, YOU'LL LIVE WITH YOUR MOTHER
IF WE SELL THE HOUSE, WE CAN PAY FOR AKIHITO'S TUITION. OYAJI AND I CAN MOVE TO A SMALLER PLACE
WAIT A SEC! A FEW DAYS AGO, MO- THAT WOMAN SAID
THAT SHE COULD HELP WITH AKIHITO'S TUITION
But I have a condition...
NOW THAT AKIRA IS DEAD, HELPING OUT MY GRANDSON IS MY DUTY
I'M YOUR GRANDSON TOO!
AH!
"You can come and live with me and Te-chan"
THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. AKIHITO ISN'T RELATED TO US
ON TOP OF THAT, HE'S COMPLETELY UNRELATED TO SANAE-SAN
I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE THIS HOME...
BUT SHE'S ADAMANT ABOUT TAKING YOU AWAY
ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU SAID
THAT YOUR DREAM WAS TO BECOME A COMMANDER IN THE SDF*
There's no way I'm letting Satoshi continue to stay with you two!

*T/N: JAPAN SELF-DEFENSE FORCE

*T/N SENIOR ROLE IN JAPANESE GOVERNEMENT TRADITIONALLY HELD BY A FAVOURED PRIME MINISTER CANDIDATE
I WASN'T ACTUALLY BEING SERIOUS
I JUST THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BETTER IF I ACTED A BIT CHILDISH IN FRONT OF HER
NEXT TIME I SEE HER, I'LL SAY THAT I WANT TO BE CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY*
FINE I'LL BE A BAKER THEN
YOU SHOULD AIM FOR PATISSIER AT LEAST
**T/N SENIOR JAPANESE POLITICIANS ARE USUALLY 50+
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS, YOU'RE ONLY FIFTEEN**
THEN CIVIL SERVANT
THE SDF IS ALSO PART OF CIVIL SERVICE
SATOSHI, SHALL WE HEAD OUT TOGETHER?
YEAH GIMME A SEC
YOU'VE REALLY GROWN
HEY DON'T SAY STUFF LIKE THAT! I STILL NEED TO GROW TALLER!
Are you saying this is my finished form!?
I'LL GET SELF-CONSICOUS

WHY DON'T YOU WANT TO LIVE WITH HER?
I MUST'VE INHERITED THESE SHORT GENES FROM MY MOM
WE'VE SPENT THIRTEEN YEARS WITH YOU
BUT YOUR MOTHER'S ONLY HAD TWO YEARS
DO I HAVE TO?
SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED ALL OF A SUDDEN SO I...
ACTUALLY, SHE REALLY WANTED TO KEEP YOU DESPITE THE DIVORCE
MORNING
MORNING
KASHIWAGARA-SAN, YOU CUT YOUR HAIR!
WEREN'T YOU GROWING IT OUT?!
AH
YEAH...
STILL, THIS LOOK SUITS YOU BETTER! IT'S GOOD

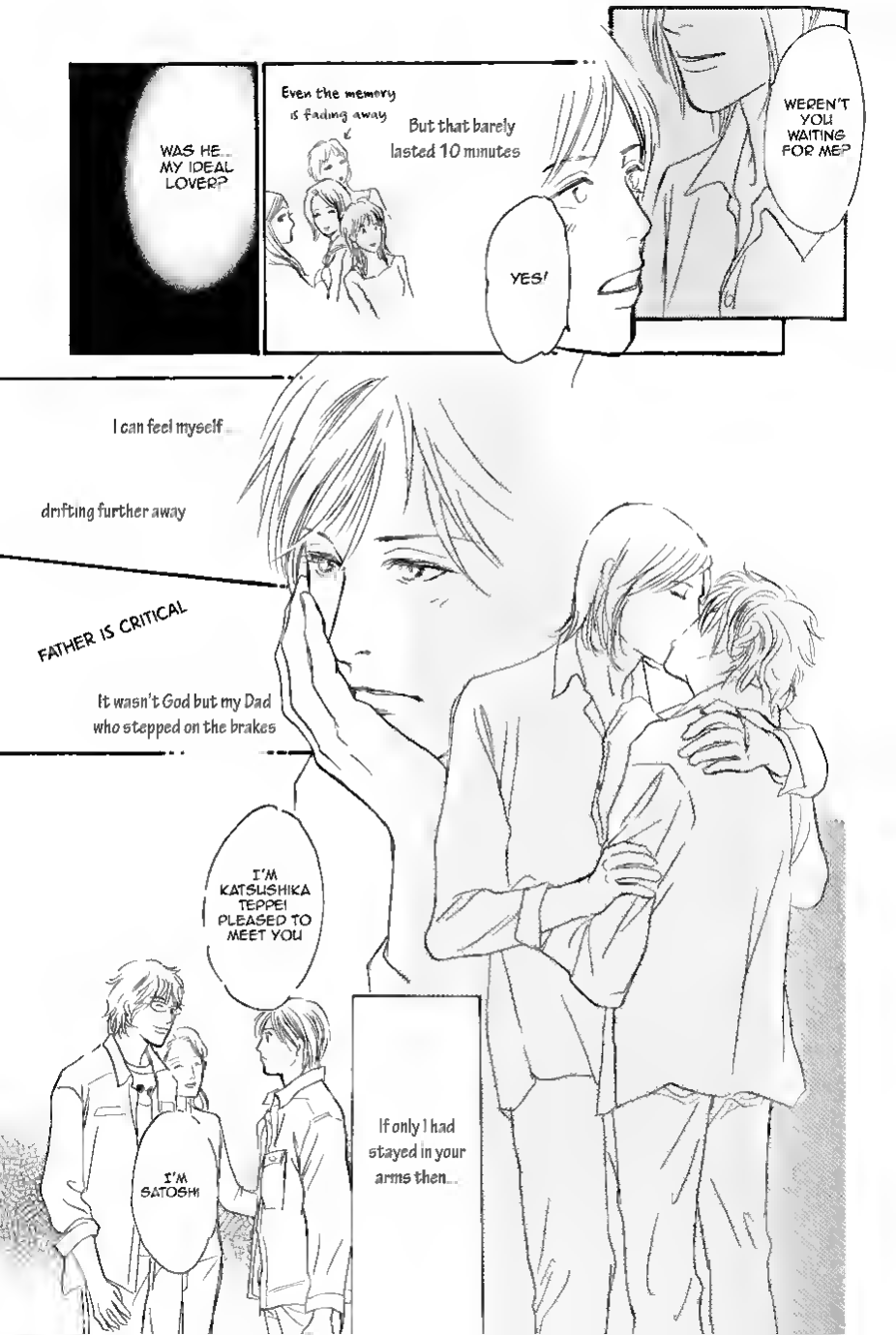
DID YOU GUYS DO IT!?
I GUESS
HUH!?
SERIOUSLY? F CUP?!
Crap. I was thinking about someone else entirely!
SPIT IT!
YOU'RE BLUSHING! STOP REMINISCING AND TELL US!
I CAN'T...!
For fifteen years, I belonged to this side of the world
CLASS 4'S TAKANO HITOMI...
LIAR— NO WAY!!
F CUP, I SWEAR
HE—Y, KASHIWABARA WEREN'T YOU DATING HER FOR A BIT?
DO YOU HATE THEM?
If there was a starting point to all this, it would be Hisamatsu...
I'VE LIKED YOU FOR A LONG TIME, SENPAI
PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME!
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF GAY MEN?

SENPAI, HOW TALL ARE YOU?
175 CM...
CAN I HIT YOU? YOU'VE JUST TOUCHED A REALLY SORE POINT
THEN, PLEASE, CONSIDER DATING ME
TO BE HONEST, I'VE NEVER REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT
SO YOU MEAN YOU'RE GAY?
SORRY, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN ONE
WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT ME...
BUT WHY ME? I'M NOT SMART OR ANYTHING... PLUS I'M SHORT
WHAT? WHY IS HEIGHT A BIGGER DEAL THAN SEXUALITY??
Wah
I'M SORRY, HISAMATSU! I HAVE A HEIGHT COMPLEX SINCE I GREW UP IN A FAMILY OF GIANTS
I CAN'T RETURN YOU FEELINGS!
BECAUSE I THOUGHT SENPAI LIKED MEN TOO
...I STILL DON'T GET WHY IT HAS TO BE ME
WE CAN START BY KISSING. IT MIGHT HELP YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND
IT'S ONLY BEEN A DAY...
SENPAI, HAVE YOU CONSIDERED IT YET?!

BUT SINCE YOU'VE ONLY EVER DATED GIRLS
I GUESSED THAT YOU WEREN'T AWARE OF YOU BE OWN PREFERENCES
YOU MIGHT EVEN SPEND THE REST OF YOUR LIFE COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF HOW YOU TRULY FEEL
Hisamatsu's words chilled my spine
I CAN'T ACCEPT THAT
IT WOULD BE TOO TRAGIC...
DOESN'T THAT MEAN YOU'RE LOOKING FOR AN IDEAL MAN?
BUT WITH MEN, YOU'RE REALLY HARSH, RIGHT?
YOU DON'T HAVE OPINIONS ABOUT GIRLS

Only...
...ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY?
Eh
ONE HOUR IS ENOUGH...
OKAY, I'LL MEET UP WITH YOU HERE AGAIN IN TWO HOURS TIME!
That night, I set foot into Nichoume*
MEN'S ONLY
LET'S GIVE IT A GO~ IF IT DOESN'T WORK OUT
I WON'T EVER BOTHER YOU ABOUT THIS AGAIN

*T/N (SHINJUKU) NICHOUME IS THE GAY DISTRICT IN TOKYO


WAS HE... MY IDEAL LOVER?
Even the memory is fading away
But that barely lasted 10 minutes
YES!
WEREN'T YOU WAITING FOR ME?
I can feel myself...
drifting further away
FATHER IS CRITICAL
It wasn't God but my Dad who stepped on the brakes
I'M KATSUSHIKA TEPPEI PLEASED TO MEET YOU
I'M SATOSHI
If only I had stayed in your arms then...

IS RED TEA OKAY?
The whole situation was getting worse by the minute
HE'S MY SON FROM BEFORE MY MARRIAGE WITH AKIRA
TEPPEI S ALREADY 24 SO HE'S YOUR OLDER BROTHER
SATOSHI, YOU'RE IN YOUR FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL RIGHT?
HA?!
DO YOU HAVE SOME-BODY YOU LIKE YET?
THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!
AHAHA SORRY, SORRY!
I'M A COMPLETE STRANGER TO YOU! AFTER ALL, IT'S BEEN THIRTEEN YEARS!
MUM, YOU'RE CRYING
YOU DON'T THINK OF ME AS YOUR MOTHER AT ALL
SOR

I've found a good conversation topic!
OH, BUT
HA HA HA
...I'M REALLY SORRY!
I WAS JUST SURPRISED BY YOUR QUESTION
I THINK I JUST SHOT MYSELF IN THE FOOT
EVER SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL, IT'S BEEN ONE GIRL AFTER ANOTHER
THIS GUY IS REALLY POPULAR, YOU KNOW~
SHOCK
THE "PRINCE" IS A REAL MAN-EATER
I GUESS
AND TE-CHAN WAS ALWAYS SO GENTLE WHEN BREAKING UP WITH THEM THERE WERE NEVER ANY FIGHTS!
HE'S DATED ALL TYPES OF GIRLS AND INVITED THEM ROUND TOO~
...AH
SATOSHI-KUN MUST ALSO BE POPULAR
LOVE
BUT RECENTLY, IT'S ONLY BEEN OLDER WOMEN...

YES
...PPEI-SAN ALREADY STARTED WORKING?
SO UM HAS TE
HE'S ON HOLIDAY NOW BUT HE'S A PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER
I'M A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
WHAT'S WITH HIS STRESS SENSE TODAY...
YEP
I'M A CIVIL SERVANT
WUH!?
THANK YOU FOR NOT TELLING MOM
I HAVEN'T COME OUT TO HER YET
I'LL WALK YOU TO THE BUS STOP
Thank you for walking me today
SEE YOU
SEE YOU SOON, SATOSHI -KUN

I GUESS MY NERVES GOT THE BETTER OF ME TODAY
AH I FORGOT TO SHOW YOU THE ROOM UPSTAIRS!
AFTER SPENDING ALL THAT TIME TIDY -ING IT UP
YOU'LL LIVE WITH US, RIGHT?
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT
WE MIGHT NOT BLOOD RELATED BUT WE'LL STILL BE BROTHERS
I'LL BE IN YOUR CARE FROM NOW ON
BACK THEN, NEITHER OF US COULD HAVE KNOWN
OTHERWISE, YOUR POOR BROTHER WILL BE A CRIMINAL
After all you've just IS
IS THAT OKAY?
AND ABOUT THAT, LET'S PRETEND IT NEVER HAPPENED
I'LL NEVER SAY A WORD ABOUT IT SO CAN SATOSHI -KUN ALSO DO THE SAME?
I CAN'T WIN AGAINST HIM

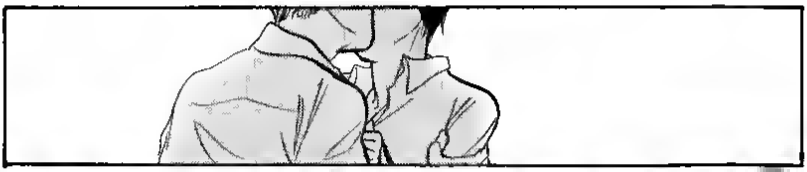
I CAN SHOW YOU AROUND
ARE YOU WAITING FOR SOMEONE?
I CAN HELP!
EVEN AS ONE OF YOUR PREY SOMETHING LIKE THAT
AN ADULT AND A KID
STILL, I WOULDN'T MIND EVEN IF WE MESSED AROUND
No thanks
HISA-MATSU?
SENPAI!?
WHAT UNIFORM IS THAT?
I HEARD IT'S IS A GUY NAMED KIYOSHI
THE PRINCE IS HEAD OVER HEELS IN LOVE WITH HIM AND THEY'RE INSEPARABLE
SENPAI SHOULD JUST FORGET ABOUT HIM. THERE'S EVEN A RUMOR THAT HE'S NOW SETTLED DOWN WITH SOME GUY
YEAH... THANKS FOR COMING TO THE WAKE
...I'VE MISSED YOU
SENPAI, ARE YOU STILL THINKING ABOUT THE PRINCE?
I KNOW
THAT PLAYBOY'S BEEN IN BED WITH IN AT NICHOUME, Y'KNOW!

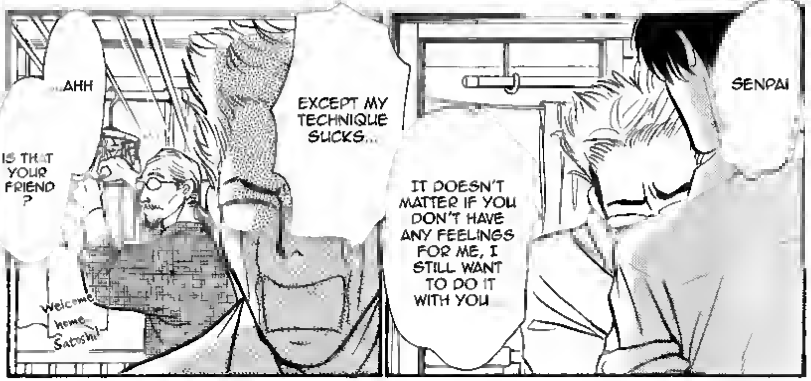
WHEN... DID YOU HEAR THAT?
It can't be...
UM... LAST WEEK IT WAS SOME GOSSIP I HEARD
ESPECIALLY SINCE I'M A SHORTY
"You?"
"I'm Satoshi"
AH... WE'VE GOT THE SAME NAME
"Kiyoshi"
"Kiyoshi... It's feels like I've always been waiting for you"
"They say that his lover is tall, slim and has a really pretty face"
"I heard the Prince is serious about him. They even moved in together..."
And anyway, it's too late
I KNOW
I HAVE TO FORGET ABOUT HIM.
I WAS JUST ANOTHER ONE NIGHT STAND TO HIM
...HEY SENPAI
DID YOU FEEL GOOD DOING IT WITH THE PRINCE?

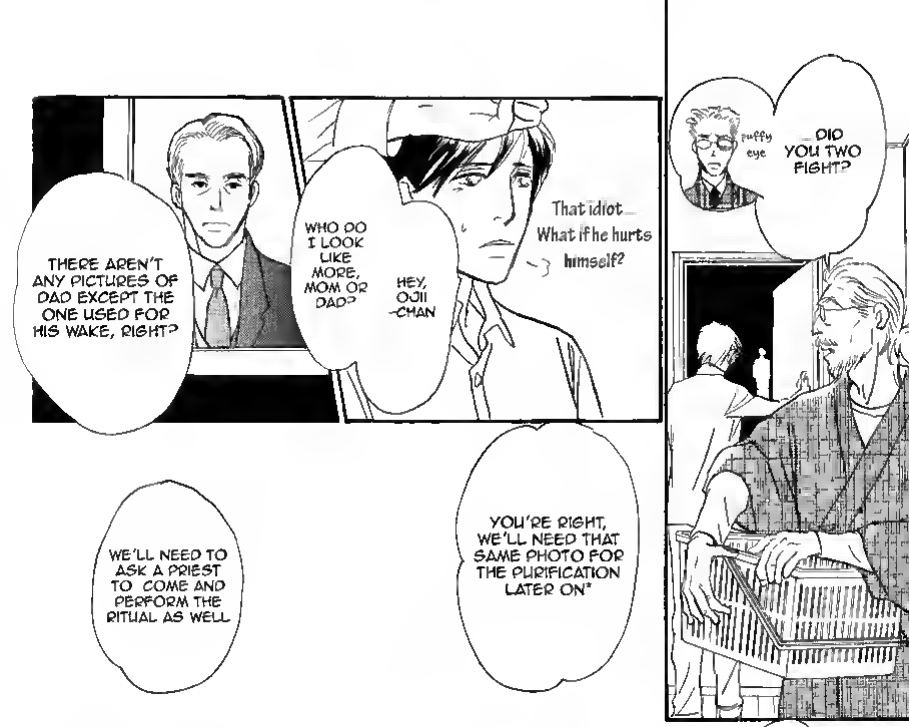
I don't care anymore...
HISAMATSU
SORRY BUT I DON'T WANT TO KISS
YEAH
...DIDN'T IT HURT?
EHH!? IS IT SUPPOSED TO!?
OKAY, I UNDERSTAND LET'S TAKE IT SLOWLY
I'M SO HAPPY, SENPAI...
At any rate, I've already stepped into onto the path of being gay. It will be an irrefutable fact a long as I live
It's only natural that I deal with my sexual frustations
I WANT TO EXPERIENCE LOVE PROPER-LY FROM NOW ON
YOU LET ME SEE MYSELF FOR WHO I AM
IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU, I MIGHT'VE CONTINUED BEING IN HALF-HEARTED RELATIONSHIPS FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE
HISAMATSU
THANK YOU...

HISA-MATSU
IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE A, B, OR C WHERE WOULD YOU SAY WE GOT UP TO IN TERMS OF DOING IT?
B... I GUESS
IT FEELS LIKE I JUST GOT GRADED AMERICAN-STYLE...*
WHAT I MEAN TO SAY IS I'M REALLY GRATEFUL TO HAVE A FRIEND LIKE YOU
WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO SLEEP WITH ME, EVEN THOUGH I DON'T HAVE ANY ROMANTIC FEELINGS TOWARDS YOU
SAY STUFF LIKE THAT BEFORE YOU SUDDENLY HIT ME!

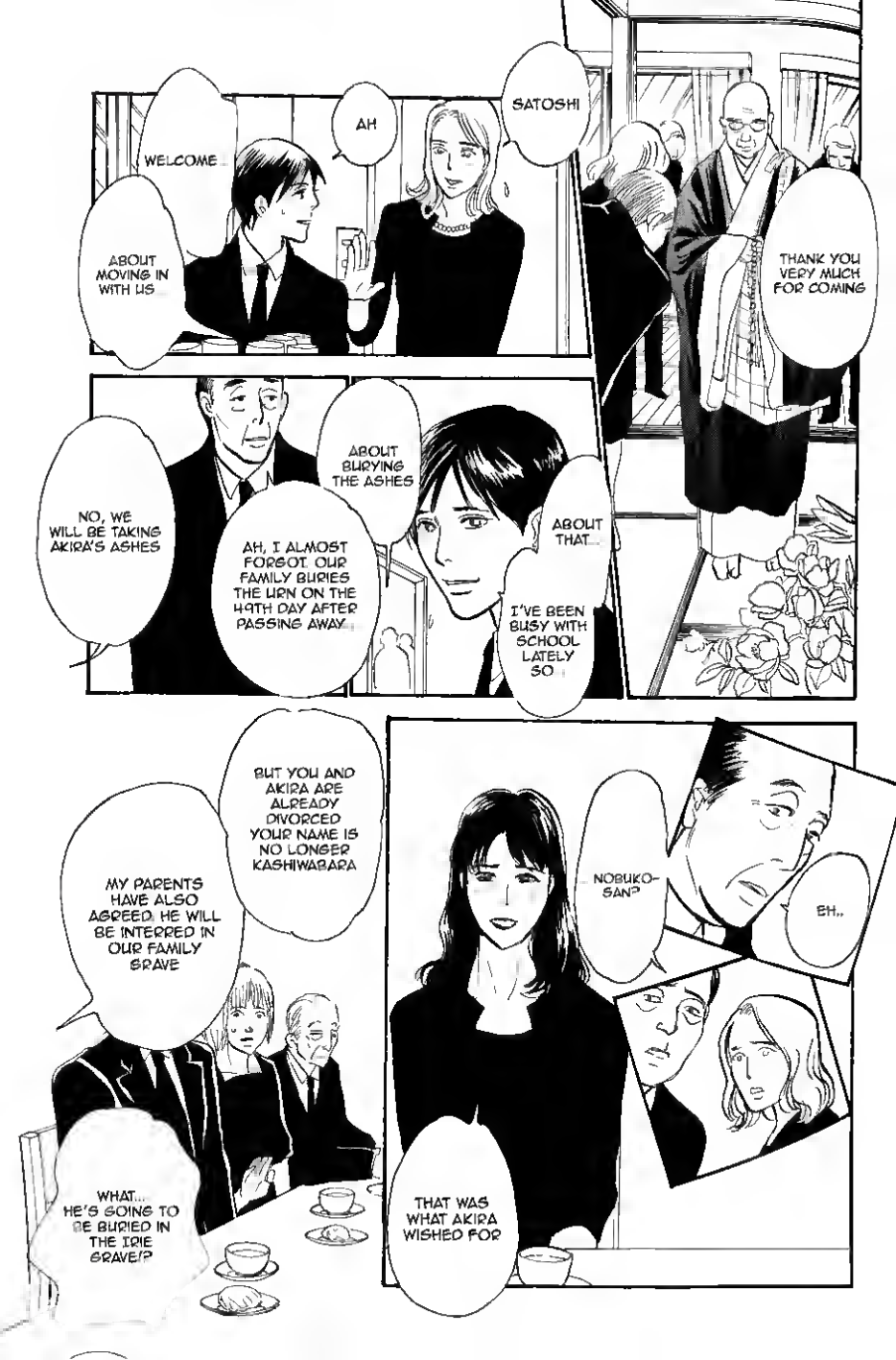
*T/N JAPANESE SCHOOLS EMPLOY A DIFFERENT GRADING SYSTEM.




SENPAI
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FEELINGS FOR ME, I STILL WANT TO DO IT WITH YOU
EXCEPT MY TECHNIQUE SUCKS...
...AHH
IS THAT YOUR FRIEND?
Welcome home, Satoshi!


puffy eye
DID YOU TWO FIGHT?
That idiot— What if he hurts himself?
HEY, OJII-CHAN
WHO DO I LOOK LIKE MORE, MOM OR DAD?
THERE AREN'T ANY PICTURES OF DAD EXCEPT THE ONE USED FOR HIS WAKE, RIGHT?
YOU'RE RIGHT, WE'LL NEED THAT SAME PHOTO FOR THE PURIFICATION LATER ON*
WE'LL NEED TO ASK A PRIEST TO COME AND PERFORM THE RITUAL AS WELL

*T/N: A JAPANESE FUNERAL PRACTICE, USUALLY HELD AFTER THE BODY HAS BEEN CREMATED


SATOSHI
AH
WELCOME
ABOUT MOVING IN WITH US
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING
ABOUT BURYING THE ASHES
NO, WE WILL BE TAKING AKIRA'S ASHES
AH, I ALMOST FORGOT. OUR FAMILY BURIES THE URN ON THE 49TH DAY AFTER PASSING AWAY...
ABOUT THAT...
I'VE BEEN BUSY WITH SCHOOL LATELY SO...
BUT YOU AND AKIRA ARE ALREADY DIVORCED YOUR NAME IS NO LONGER KASHIWABARA
MY PARENTS HAVE ALSO AGREED. HE WILL BE INTERRED IN OUR FAMILY GRAVE
WHAT... HE'S GOING TO BE BURIED IN THE IRIE GRAVE!?
NOBUKO-SAN?
EH...
THAT WAS WHAT AKIRA WISHED FOR

SHH...
EH—?
AFTER ALL, HE HATED HIS FATHER AND GRANDFATHER
BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, I WOULD PREFER IF WE TOOK CARE OF AKIRA
AKIRA WAS THE KASHIWABARA'S ELDEST SON. SURELY HE SHOULD BE BURIED WITH HIS FAMILY
JUST A MOMENT, NOBUKO-SAN. ISN'T THAT A LITTLE ODD?
IT'S A POSSIBILITY, IF I HAD THE MONEY
OF COURSE IF YOU MEAN INTERRING HIM IN A SEPARATE GRAVE ALTOGETHER THEN I HAVE NO PROBLEMS
NOBUKO-SAN
PARDON MY RUDENESS BUT YOU AND AKIRA DIVORCED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, WAS THAT NOT THE CASE?
IT'S TOO EARLY FOR YOU TO HEAR THIS. WAIT OUTSIDE
I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS...
IT'S MY DUTY TO SEE AKIRA OFF ON HIS FINAL JOURNEY
EVEN IF AKIRA WAS ONCE YOUR HUSBAND, IT WOULD STILL BE INAPPROPRIATE TO BURY HIM WITH YOUR FAMILY
BUT HE STILL HATED YOU BOTH
ALSO, I HEARD... YOU'RE MOVING TO AMERICA AFTER YOUR NEW MARRIAGE. IS THAT TRUE?

*T/N: JAPANESE TRADITIONAL OF MAKE OFFERINGS ANNUALLY AT FAMILY GRAVES
IF SO, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO VISIT HIS GRAVE*
UM ABOUT THAT AKIHITO WILL BE STAYING HERE SO...
SATOSHI, ARE YOU IN HIGH SCHOOL?
DO YOU STILL REMEMBER FATHER?
HE LEFT YOU WHEN YOU WERE VERY YOUNG, RIGHT?
...If your dearest mother had accepted me as part of the new family,
YEAH... I WAS PROBABLY AROUND THREE YEARS OLD THEN
I would probably have grown up with you...
?
ANSWER ME. DO YOU STILL REMEMBER?
NO, I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING
Strictly speaking, he's still my older brother
...LET'S ALL CALM DOWN AND THINK THIS THROUGH
I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO PAY FOR EVERYTHING
BUT I CAN STILL SUPPORT AKIRA'S FATHER AND GRANDFATHER

T/N: "FATHER" HERE IS REFERRING TO SHOUGO KASHIWABARA, AKIRA'S DAD. SANAE CALLS HIM THAT TO APPEAR MORE INTIMATE

FATHER WON'T NEED TO SELL YOUR HOUSE AND MOVE"
THAT WAY, YOU WON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT AKIHITO'S TUITION FEES
IN RETURN
I'D LIKE TO LOOK AFTER SATOSHI
WHY SHOULD AKIHITO LIVE WITH THESE PEOPLE?
WHY... WHY DO I HAVE TO LISTEN TO YOU
EH!
AH, AKIHITO CAN MOVE IN HERE! SINCE SATOSHI'S ROOM WILL BE EMPTY!
ISN'T THAT PERFECT?
THERE'S NO WAY DAD WILL BE ABLE TO REST PEACE-FULLY HERE
I DON'T BELIEVE IT
YOU'RE ALL TRYING TO TAKE AWAY WHAT'S MOST DEAR TO ME...

STEP
STEP
STEP
CREAK...
Huh...
SLAM!
Eh~!?
GRANDAD
OH, I KNOW!
AKIHITO CAN COME WITH ME AS WELL! I'LL LOOK AFTER HIM AND SATOSHI!
...I'M LEAVING
SOB SOB
DON'T BE SO FULL OF YOUR -SELF!
OF COURSE I WOULD TAKE AKIHITO WITH ME IF I COULD!
...YOU'RE ACCUSING ME OF BEING A BAD MOTHER?
WOULD THAT BE GOOD ENOUGH, NOBUKO -SAN?
HM?
HE'S TAKEN THE ASHES...
WA HA HA HA...

What were they just talking about?
Wait up
Uh
UM
PLEASE EXCUSE ME
WAIT, NOBUKO-SAN! DON'T GO YET!
WHAT DID YOU SAY
AKIHITO DID WHAT!?
DASH DASH.
Huh?
Why!?
Akihito and I will both be living at Mom's place!?
HORRIBLE DO YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR OWN GRANDSON IN PRISON?
THIS IS THEFT! WE NEED TO REPORT IT TO THE POLICE
Since when did they decide on this——?!
WAIT, NOBUKO WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU!
HOW CAN YOU ACCEPT SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
I'LL BE LEAVING FIRST
WHAT AN UNBELIEVABLE WOMAN...
I DIDN'T TELL AKIHITO TO TAKE THE ASHES
HE DECIDED HIMSELF
IF YOU LET THEM HAVE THE ASHES
YOURS MIGHT EVEN END UP IN THEIR GRAVE
...AND HERE I THOUGHT AKIRA WAS RETURNING TO US...
CLICK
HE BROKE MY HEART SEVERAL TIMES
HE MANAGED TO DO IT AGAIN, EVEN IN DEATH
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT WE HAD MADE PEACE...

AKIHITO !
FATHER, HE
PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO REST PEACEFULLY IN THE IRIE GRAVE EITHER
I'M VERY SORRY
WHAT I DID WAS WRONG
I'M SORRY
MY MOTHER KNOWS THIS VERY WELL TOO
I SEPARATED SOME OF FATHER'S ASHES TO TAKE WITH ME
BUT SHE'S STUBBORN
THE REST I AM RETURNING TO YOU

DAD'S APARTMENT?
HE BOUGHT IT AFTER HE DI-VORCED NOBUKO
IT'S EMPTY NOW, EXCEPT SOME PERSONAL ITEMS WHICH I WANT YOU TO SORT OUT
IT'S TIME WE CLEAN-ED IT OUT PROPERLY
IT SHOU-LD BE AROUND HERE
AH...
I DIDN'T EVEN SAY A THING
Putting his personality aside
WHAT'S WITH THAT EXPRES-SION?
YOUR GRANDAD CALLED ME TO COME AND HELP EMPTY OUT THIS ROOM BEFORE MOVING IN
DON'T MISUN-DERSTAND
...THIS IS JUST INFURIA-TING~
AKIHITO -SAN, WILL YOU MOVE TO THE KATSUSHIKA'S HOME?

WELL, I'LL NEED A PLACE TO LIVE FOR THREE YEARS ANYWAY
SO WHY NOT PICK ONE WHERE ALL THE MEALS AND CHORES ARE TAKEN CARE OF?
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
He's actually quite good-looking
I don't want to admit it but
AH... THAT
SHE DID MENTION BUT IT'S PROBABLY JUST TALK
So I've made a decision
I'M
MOVING IN NEXT WEEK
It's juvenile and selfish reason
But the truth is that I'm jealous of him
UGH...
REALLY... THEN I HOPE WE GET ON WELL

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I still can't agree to this
My dad passed away recently... but that's not what bothers me
Satoshi's Dad
I never even met him
But that doesn't mean...
SATOSHI
ARE YOU DONE PACKING YET? THE MOVING COMPANY WILL BE HERE AT 11 O'CLOCK...
I don't want to be told to move out of the home that I've grown so fond of
BESIDES WE ONLY MOVED HERE THREE YEARS AGO
And I'd be abandoning two elderly men without long to live...
DAI-JIICHAN*

*T/N: LIKELY READ AS "DAI-JIICHAN" = GREAT GRANDFATHER

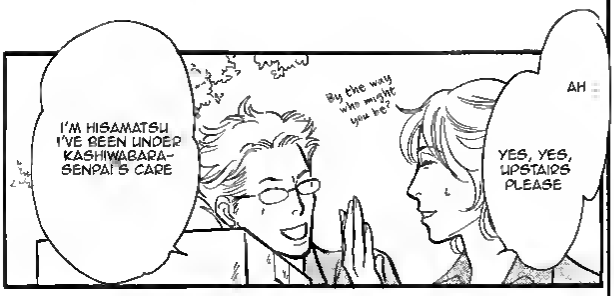
I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE
YOU AND JII -CHAN WILL GROW OLD WITHOUT ME TO LOOK AFTER YOU BOTH
WE HAVEN'T GOT MUCH TIME LEFT TO SPEND TOGETHER
LET YOUR MOTHER HAVE SOME PRECIOUS MEMORIES WITH YOU AS WELL
WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU CAN'T START CRY-ING NOW
I MADE THIS PEN HOLDER IN PRIMARY SCHOOL
I'M LEAVING IT HERE AS A MOMENTO OF ME
HEY, HEY, DO YOU WANT ME TO DIE SO SOON?
LET'S JUST STOP THIS— I REALLY DON'T WANT TO LIVE WITH MY MOTHER
YOU CAN COME BACK TO US WHEN YOU'VE GROWN UP
REALLY!?
THINK ABOUT IT A GROWN MAN LIVING WITH HIS MOTHER
WOULD BE ACCUSED OF HAVING A MOTHER COMPLEX OR BEING A PARASITE
BUT IF YOU LIVE WITH YOUR GRAND-PARENTS, SOCIETY WILL PRAISE YOU FOR BEING FILIAL AND CARING
UM...
I'M NOT REALLY SURE ABOUT YOUR LINE OF THINK -ING BUT AT LEAST IT'S SOMETHING
SATOSHI
YOUR FRIEND'S ARRIVED.

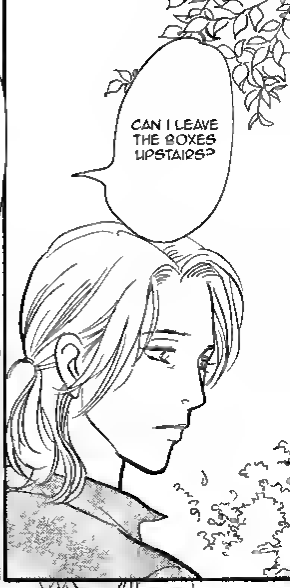
THUD!!
!
WHY..!!
EHH?
HISA-MATSU!
GOOD MORNING, SENPAI-!
YOU'RE MOVING OUT TODAY, RIGHT?
I CAME TO LEND YOU A HAND
HISA-MATSU
WHAT'S INSIDE THIS?
It's heavy...
CLAY, PROBABLY
IT'S MEANT TO BE A PEN POT BUT WHERE IS THE HOLE?
YOU'RE A REALLY NICE GUY

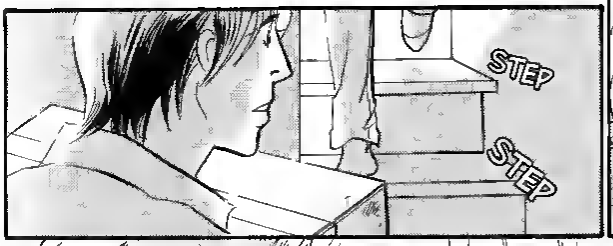
EVEN AFTER I DID THAT TO YOU
On second thought I can't
IT DOESN'T MATTER
I'M DOING THIS 'CAUSE I LIKE YOU, SENPAI
I WANNA HELP YOU OUT
I KNOW I FORCED THAT KISS ON YOU
BUT I'LL MAKE SURE YOU FALL FOR ME SOONER OR LATER
Hisamatsu... There are some parts about you that I really admire
BUT I DON'T THINK THAT WILL EVER HAPPEN...
SATOSHI
COME OVER HERE FOR A MOM-MENT
WHAT WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT JUST NOW?
OJII-CHA...
YOU
DO... YOU LIKE MEN?
O...
WENT TO A HOTEL WITH HISAMATSU -KUN?
...NO, YOU'RE MISTAKEN!

DON'T TELL ME YOU NEVER DID IT WITH THEM?
HEY OYAJI !
WE BROKE -UP
REMI-CHAN? MARIKA-CHAN?
SATOSHI WHAT ABOUT YOUR REMI -CHAN?
AH, THERE WAS AN AOI-CHAN TOO
WHO'RE REMI -CHAN AND MARIKA-CHAN? I HAVEN'T HEARD ABOUT THEM BEFORE
OF COURSE NOT! DID YOU EVER TELL YOUR PARENTS?
WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT? DO THEIR PARENTS KNOW?
WHAT HAPPENED TO MARIKA -CHAN?
HE'S STILL A IN HIGH SCHOOL AND IN THE PRIME OF THIS YOUTH!
THIS ISN'T SOMETHING HE HAS TO DECIDE NOW, RIGHT?
EXCUSE ME BUT THE MOVING COMPANY'S ARRIVED
KNOCK KNOCK
WHICH WHICH DO YOU LIKE? BOYS? GIRLS?
UM...
BUT I'M NOT AS GRAVE AS HISAMATSU TO TELL YOU
I PROBABLY ALREADY KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION
I'M SORRY OJII-CHAN DAIJII-CHAN

I'm a coward,
pretending that I want to live with my mother and rely on her
When really, the true reason I'm moving to this place is
AH
IS THAT THE PLACE, SENPAI?
OYAJI DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS?
SORT OF...
...HISA -MATSU
AREN'T YOU AFRAID OF GETTING HURT?
...YOU ASKING ME THAT HURTS ENOUGH ALREADY!
sigh
Somehow... I've completely lost track of what's going on
From today onwards, I'll be living with the Prince.
EXCUSE ME, AUNTIE!
RATTLE
BUMP
HELLO...
THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME STAY HERE!
SA...
SATOSHI -CHAN!


I'M HISAMATSU I'VE BEEN UNDER KASHIWABARA-SENPAI'S CARE
By the way who might you be?
AH
YES, YES, UPSTAIRS PLEASE


CAN I LEAVE THE BOXES UPSTAIRS?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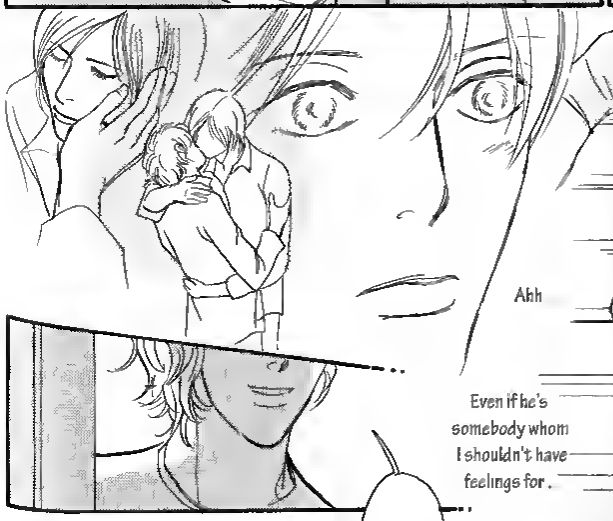
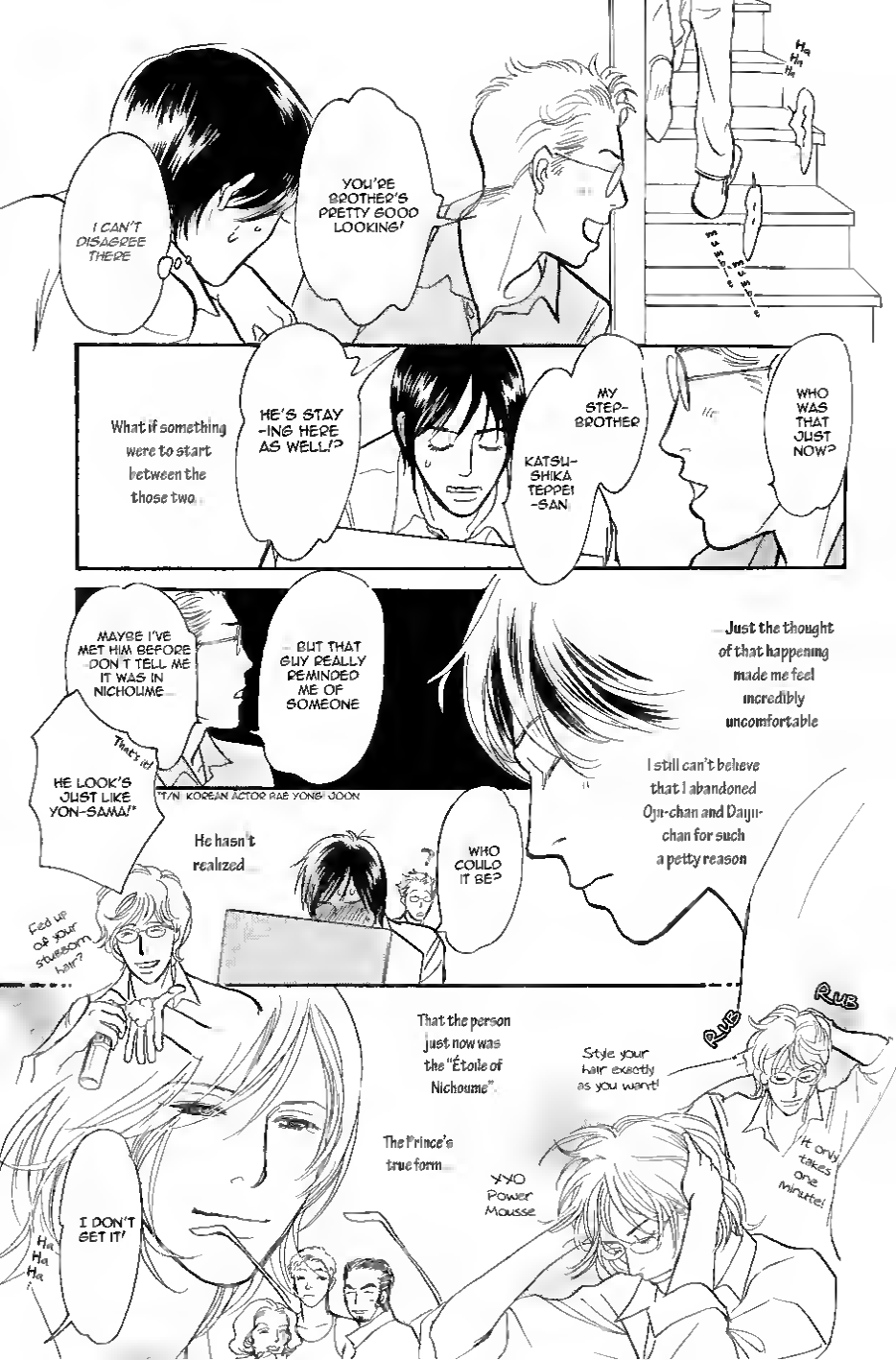

Ahh
Even if he's somebody whom I shouldn't have feelings for.

AKIHITO-KUN?
Huh?

AH
WHY'RE YOU BLOCK -ING THE WAY?
heave
HO!!
WE'RE BUSY RIGHT NOW!
JEEZ
Kashiwa -bara Akihito
Yes. There's only one reason why I've decided to live here
BUMP!
AH!
GOOD MORN- ING
My half-brother on my Dad's side
I'll be living with him from today onwards
ARE YOU OKAY, SEN -PAI?
YEAH
OH, CRAP!
AH WELL, I GUESS I CAN HIDE THE SCRATCH MARKS WITH PAINT
COME AND CHECK OUT UPSTAIRS
GOT IT
HEY, STAY OUT OF THE WAY I'VE GOT MORE STUFF COMING

HISAMATSU, THAT GUY'S MY ELDER HALF-BROTHER ON MY DAD'S SIDE
O- OLDER BROTHER?
MY NAME'S HISAMATSU TOMOAKI I'M A SECOND YEAR AT DOUMON SE-NIOR HIGH
LIKE I SAID, STAY OUT OF THE WAY!
BESIDES, WHY DID YOU HAVE TO MOVE IN ON THE SAME DAY AS ME?
BECAUSE I HAVE SCHOOL ON MONDAY. WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I KNEW IT WOULD TAKE A WHOLE DAY TO UNPACK MY STUFF SO TODAY WAS THE ONLY DAY I COULD DO
BUT YOU COULD HAVE AT LEAST BEEN MORE CONSIDERATE WHEN PICKING THE TIME
I CAN'T DO ANY-THING IN THIS SITUA-TION!
I'M REALLY SORRY, I DIDN'T DIS-CUSS THIS WITH YOU PROPERLY BEFORE-HAND
MOM
WAAH
THAT'S DANGE-ROUS!
SHOULD I MOVE THIS UPSTAIRS AS WELL?
WAIT, THIS NEEDS TO GO UPSTAIRS TOO
SINCE AKIHITO, YOU HAVE MORE LUG-GAGE, IT'D BE BETTER IF YOU WAITED A BIT
LET'S GET SATOSHI'S THINGS MOV-ED UPSTAIRS FIRST
WHAAAT?


I CAN'T DISAGREE THERE
YOU'RE BROTHER'S PRETTY GOOD LOOKING!
Ha Ha Ha
Footsteps
What if something were to start between the those two...
HE'S STAY-ING HERE AS WELL!?
MY STEP-BROTHER
KATSU-SHIKA TEPPEI-SAN
WHO WAS THAT JUST NOW?
MAYBE I'VE MET HIM BEFORE DON'T TELL ME IT WAS IN NICHOUME...
That's it!
HE LOOK'S JUST LIKE YON-SAMA!*
*T/N: KOREAN ACTOR BAE YONG-JOON
...BUT THAT GUY REALLY REMINDED ME OF SOMEONE
...Just the thought of that happening made me feel incredibly uncomfortable
I still can't believe that I abandoned Oju-chan and Daiju-chan for such a petty reason
He hasn't realized...
WHO COULD IT BE?
Fed up of your stubborn hair?
That the person just now was the "Étoile of Nichoume".
The Prince's true form...
YYO Power Mousse
Style your hair exactly as you want!
RUB
RUB
It only takes one minute!
I DON'T GET IT!
Ha Ha Ha

Things piled higher and higher
YOU CAN LEAVE IT BY YOUR LEFT, JUST DON'T TAKE UP TOO MUCH SPACE
EHH?
AH, I MEANT OVER HERE
WE'RE STAYING IN THE SAME ROOM!?
GET AWAY FROM EACH OTHER, DAMMIT!!
Why do you both look so cosy together?
EXCUSE ME...
BUT CAN I PUT MY STUFF HERE?
SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE
OKAY, THEN I'LL HELP YOU OUT WITH THIS
PLEASE START LOOKING FOR ONE RIGHT NOW
IF I KNEW THIS ROOM WAS GONNA BE SO SMALL, I WOULD'VE LOOKED FOR A PLACE TO RENT INSTEAD
THERE'S A FREE ROOM THERE
OH YEAH... I COULD ALSO TRY OJII-CHAN'S HOUSE AS WELL.
AND THERE ARE ONLY TWO BEDROOMS AND ONE STORE ROOM UPSTAIRS ANYWAY
YES... ORIGINALLY, IT WAS ONLY SATOSHI WHO WOULD BE COMING, REMEMBER?

"Akihito is my grandson"
This guy in my room?
With my grandads . ?
WE'RE FINISHED OVER HERE
GOT IT THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK
AH, BUT MOM WOULD THROW A FIT IF SHE FOUND OUT
SHE AND OJII-SAN DON'T GET ALONG AT ALL
CAN I MOVE THIS IN HERE NOW?
WHAT?
WAIT A SEC, THERE'S STILL MORE?
Annoyed
MUM, IT'S DANGEROUS HERE WHY DON'T YOU HANDLE DOWNSTAIRS?
AND THERE'S A WOMAN HERE TO DO THE CHORES
BUT IT'LL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR TWO PEOPLE TO STAY IN THIS ROOM NOW
SINCE I HAVE MORE STUFF, CAN'T SATOSHI JUST STAY IN THE OTHER ROOM?
BECAUSE, MY MOM'S GETTING REMARRIED AND MOVING TO AMERICA NEXT MONTH I'M JUST TAKING CARE OF HER THINGS FOR NOW
WHY DO YOU HAVE SO MUCH FURNITURE?

ME SHARING A ROOM WITH THE PRINCE
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD DO THAT...
BUT TE-CHAN HAS ALWAYS...
NO
HUH...
THE "OTHER"
IT MAKES MORE SENSE THAT THE TWO BROTHERS RELATED BY BLOOD SHOULD SHARE THE ROOM!
HE AND SENPAI ARE COMPLETE STRANGERS!
THAT'S TOO ODD!
HAH?
THAT THEY SHOULD SHARE A ROOM IS JUST...
HISA-MATSU
SORRY ABOUT TODAY
YOU CAME ALL THE WAY HERE BUT THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO UN-TIL THE OTHER LUGGAGE IS UNPACKED
Thank you, Hisamatsu
I'm not sure why, but I feel relieved...
IT'S BETTER IF YOU TWO STUDENTS SHARED A ROOM
YOU'RE BOTH BROTHERS AND TE-CHAN IS WORKING
THAT...
THAT'S TRUE

NO... ACTUALLY, I CAME TODAY BECAUSE I WANTED TO CHECK OUT YOUR NEW FAMILY
I'M WOR-RIED
HUH?
SENPAI YOU LIKE THAT TYPE, RIGHT?
WHAA...T? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?
BA-DUMP...
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, THOUGH WE'RE STILL FAMILY!
HALF-BROTHER OR STEP-BROTHER, THEY'RE BOTH VERY TALL, AREN'T THEY?
NOTHING WEIRD IS GOING TO HAPPEN!
AND WE'LL BE LIVING UNDER THE SAME ROOF WITH OUR MOTHER
HISA-MATSU, YOU'RE SHARP
AM I THAT OBVIOUS?
THE IDEA THAT SENPAI WILL BE DOING THINGS THAT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT WITH THOSE PEOPLE
MAKES ME SO JEALOUS THAT I CAN'T SLEEP AT NIGHT
CAN I COME AGAIN?
THOUGH, I'LL COME EVEN IF YOU SAY NO

I'm sorry, Hisamatsu
Is my expression also look like that right now, I wonder
It might've been better if I'd rejected you more clearly
NO, THIS IS DEFINITELY IMPOSSIBLE
I GUESS THERE'S NO CHOICE. LET'S LEAVE IT IN THE KITCHEN
BEFORE THAT, WE STILL NEED TO DECIDE WHERE THIS GOES.
WAAH... OH YES, OF COUR-SE!
THE ENTR-ANCE! PUT IT BY THE ENTRANCE FOR NOW!
THIS IS THE LAST ONE, RIGHT?
YES.
HONESTLY, HOW MUCH CLOTHES DID YOU BRING?
AH... SATOSHI-CHAN
BANG!
YOU MUST BE HUNGRY, RIGHT? SIT DOWN FOR NOW

I'M STARTING TO FEEL HUNGRY
ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME WE MADE SOMETHING TO EAT?
UM
WOAH, WHAT IS THIS?
THIS PLACE IS SO CRAMPED!
SNAP!
HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK THIS PLACE COST ME!?
LOGICALLY SPEAKING, A PERSON WOULDN'T NORMALLY EVEN NEED SO MUCH FURNITURE
HOW ABOUT WE KEEP THIS ONE AND WE CAN GET RID OF THE ONES OVER THERE?
NO WAY!
THIS ONE
WAS MY MOTHER'S WEDDING DOWRY
THAT ONE THERE WAS BOUGHT BY MY DEAD GRAND-FATHER
I SEE. THEY CAN STAY WHAT ABOUT THOSE TWO LOW DRAWERS OVER THERE?
THIS SCRATCH HERE WAS MADE BY FATHER
THIS ONE, MY MOTHER ASKED ME TO TAKE CARE OF IT UNTIL SHE GETS BACK FROM AMERICA
THIS ONE HE BOUGHT FOR ME WHEN I GOT INTO UNIVERSITY

I'M BEGGING YOU!
PLEASE, JUST ONE PIECE WILL DO!
OTHERWISE, WE WON'T EVEN BE ABLE TO OPEN THE FRIDGE!
BAM!
RATTLE
VROOM
SIGH
He must be deliberately looking for bones to pick...
This guy is so irritating
WHAT A SHAME, IT WAS SUCH A NICE PIECE
MUTTER
I WAS ACTUALLY QUITE FOND OF THAT
It's hard to believe that we're actually blood-related
AH— ACTUALLY, I'LL BE LIVING WITH TWO MORE SONS FROM TODAY,
AKIHITO AND SATOSHI PLEASE TAKE CARE OF US!
AH!
WHO'S JUST MOVED IN?

EHH?
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL OUR NEIGH -BOR THE TRUTH?
EH~
YOU HAD TWO MORE SONS OTHER THAN TE-CHAN?
Ah, yes
WE WERE SEPARATED RIGHT AFTER MY DIV -ORCE
AH, YOU DON'T SAY THE YOUNGEST LOOKS JUST LIKE HIS MOTHER!
WELL, THAT WOULD BE IMPOSSI -BLE
HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY EXPLAIN THAT OF THE THREE "SONS", ONLY ONE WAS REALLY YOURS?
AKIHITO -KUN
LOOK HERE
BUT THEIR DIVORCE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ME!
I DON'T KNOW HOW IN LOVE YOUR PARENTS WERE WHEN THEY WERE TOGETHER,
AND ALSO YOUR FATHER STILL MET WITH YOUR MOTHER AFTER MARRY -ING ME
IN THE END, HE LEFT ME BEHIND AND REMARRIED YOUR MO -THER

I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR THAT!
ALL BECAUSE OF YOU BE-CAUSE YOU AND YOUR SON BARGED INTO OUR LIVES
SO YOU DON'T HAVE ANY RIGHT TO TALK TO ME LIKE THAT!
AH...
I WAS ABANDONED TWICE BY MY FATHER
FROM WHEN I WAS THREE TILL I WAS SEVEN, HE WASN'T WITH US
HURRY UP AND FINISH UN-PACKING SOON YOU HAVE SCHOOL FROM MONDAY
DID YOU SORT OUT ALL YOUR LUGGAGE?
DON'T MENTION ANY-THING ABOUT BEING THE SDF COMMANDER OR CABINET SECRE-TARY TO YOUR MOM
BAKERY OWNER SHOULD STILL BE FINE THO -UGH
BE A GOOD KID, OKAY...
I'd rather you let me off the hook...
WE'LL TALK ABOUT THIS PROPERLY WITH JII-CHAN WHEN YOU VISIT...
ABOUT MEN LIKING OTHER MEN THERE'S A LOT MORE TO IT...
NO
AND ALSO... YOU'RE STILL A CHILD SO

WOW, THIS IS SO LUXURIOUS!
YOU TWO, SIT DOWN! SIT DOWN!
Be a good kid ...huh
AND WE ONLY HAD SOBA FOR LUNCH
I'M SORRY, IT'S TAKE-AWAY AGAIN
You're a being but too obvious, mom
nervous
OH YES, SATOSHI-CH
SATO-SHI
DO YOU REM-EMBER THIS?
WOAH!! JUST HOW FAR ARE WE GOING BACK?
I
CHOKE!
SO, WHAT ABOUT IT?
GIVING IT BACK TO IT'S OWNER IS GOING TO CAUSE HIM A LOT OF TROUBLE, YOU KNOW
YOU ADORED THIS
Hee hee hee
THAT'S
THAT'S TRUE
Hee
I DON'T REMEMBER SORRY

This person...
THEN IS IT ALRIGHT IF I KEPT IT?
YOU'RE RIGHT
Hee hee hee
BUT I NEED TO GET A CHANGE OF CLO-THES
SO WHAT? ARE YOU SAY-ING THAT YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME!?
DO I LOOK VERY UNOCCUPIED OVER HERE?
EXCUSE ME...
This person is completely confused
The missing link between a three year old toddler and a fifteen year old boy can't be re-filled...
I FELT EM-BARRASSED JUST LOOK-KING AT YOU!
I REALLY DON'T GET YOU WHAT WERE YOU TRYING TO ACCOMP-LISH BY BRINGING ALL THIS STUFF? ARE ARE YOU BEING DE-LIBERATE OR ARE YOU JUST PLAIN STUPID?
GEEZ I REALLY NEED A HAND
STOP DISTRACT-ING ME

Thump...
YOU MUST BE TIRED, MOM
WHAT DO YOU KNOW...
THAT'S WHY YOUR MOTHER LEFT YOU HERE, RIGHT?
IT'S BE-CAUSE YOU KEEP ACTING LIKE A SPOILT CHILD,
YOU'RE NINETEEN BUT YOU STILL WON'T STOP TALKING ABOUT YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER AND WHOSE FAULT IT WAS
CRASH!
THUMP
DON'T YOU DARE SAY THAT ABOUT ME AGAIN!
THUD!
I NEED TO THANK YOU, TE-CHAN, FOR ALL THE TROU-BLE TODAY
IT WAS MORE DIFFI-CULT FOR YOU THAN I THOUGHT IT'D BE.
CRASH
I'M HAVING A LOT OF FUN IT A FEELS LI-KE A SCHOOL TRIP

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
COME IN
EX... EXCUSE ME.
I CAN SLEEP ON THE FLOOR IT'S ONLY FOR ONE NIGHT
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YES

I'LL LET YOU OFF TODAY,
BUT PLEASE BE MORE CAREFUL IN THE FUTURE.
GOOD-NIGHT
WELL, GOOD-NIGHT.
.....
BECAUSE HE WOULDN'T HIT SOMEBODY WITHOUT A REASON RIGHT?
WHAT DID YOU DO TO AKIHITO-KUN?
...HUH?
fuu
I've annoyed him...
rustle rustle
softly softly

Creak...
CLICK
Pata pata pata...
SHUT
SIGH
We're drifting...
The distance between us is getting greater and greater
BANG!
OUCH
NGH
OH
GOOD MORNING, AKIHITO -KUN
DO YOU WANT SOME BREAD? ARE YOU LEA -VING NOW?

AH... OR MAYBE HE WENT TO THE KASHIWA-BARA'S
WHERE DO YOU THINK HE WENT?
MAYBE HE COULDN'T TAKE IT HERE ANYMORE WENT BACK TO HIS FAMILY'S PLACE
IT'S OKAY
MOM, I'LL GO AND LOOK FOR HIM
Not enough sleep because he slept on the couch.
SLAM!
Not enough sleep due to stress.
REALLY
WE NEED TO DEAL WITH YOUR LUGGAGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
IF NOT, IT'S GOING TO BE VERY PROBLEM-ATIC
That's why today, I'm going to try and win him back
I'm pathetic
I get the feel-ing that he's lost all faith in me because of yesterday
I'LL GO
Not enough sleep because he slept on the floor
HAVE YOU EATEN YET?
AH...
REAL-LY?
He's gentle the Prince-- I mean Tepper-san.
AKI-NIN!
I GUESS I WAS BEING A BIT INSEN-SITIVE
Was Akihito really that hurt?

AOI-CHAN! I'M SORRY, DID YOU WAIT LONG?
Aki-nin?
I'VE MISSED YOU, MAYU -MAYU
ME TOO~!! CAN I COME SEE YOUR NEW HOUSE?
...I wonder why my chest hurts just look -ing at him
I feel queasy...
AKI-NIN DID YOU REALLY MOVE?
IT'S FINE, I LIKE WAIT -ING
YUP, HERE'S MY NEW ADDRESS
What is this guy...
REMI-CH~AN!
KYAA~N! AKI-NIN!
OI! ARE YOU KASHIWA -BARA?
YOU'RE MISTAKEN WE'RE JUST FRIENDS...
GOING AFTER SOMEBODY ELSE'S WOMAN ISN'T SOMETHING YOU GET AWAY WITH EASILY
HUH?
UM... ARE YOU SURE YOU'VE GOT THE RIGHT PER -SON?
UH—

AH
YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO PAY UP NOW!
POLICE!
HURRY UP AND CALL THE POLICE!
SATO -SHI... HEY!
WHAT THE HELL!?
WHACK!! PUNCH!!
NGH
OI, THE BRAT OVER THERE COME HERE!
MARIKA'S THE NUMBER TWO GIRL IN OUR SHOP!
YA GET WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, RIGHT?!
THEN GET THE HELL OUT
OI, GET HIM INTO THE CAR
SA SATO-
ARE YA ONE OF THIS GUY'S BUDDIES?
NO... YOU'RE MISTAKEN... YOU'RE MIS-TAKEN. PLEASE CONTINUE...
EH?
WAIT A SEC...
ISN'T THAT... UM...

SATOSHI! HURRY, POLICE~
I KNEW IT! YOU ARE HIS FRIEND GET HIM INTO THE CAR TOO
WHAT DID YOU SAY, BRAT?
GETTING INTO A CAR IS A BIT TROUB -LESOME. CAN'T WE RESOLVE THIS HERE?
AH~ SHIT~ YOU'VE EVEN GOT A METAL PIPE WITH YOU OH NO...
LIKE I SAID, WE'RE NOT FRIENDS...
HURRY UP AND GET IN!
HEY WHY ARE THERE FIVE OF YOU?
And it's a Sunday...
Why won't you just go home and sort out your stuff?
Why?
SFX: SMASH!

DASH
SENPAI
I'M REALLY SORRY! I DION'T BRING MUCH MONEY WITH ME
NO, OF COURSE I'M NOT
ARE YOU OKAY?
I CHECK -ED JUST NOW
THEY'RE NOT DEAD, RIGHT?
I'VE BEEN WONDERING WHY DO YOU CALL SATOSHI "SENPAI"? YOU'RE A YEAR ABOVE HIM IN SCHOOL
Y- YOU TWO...
'CAUSE HE'S MY SENPAI AT THE DOJO
Ah, onisan, so you were actually paying attention to me before
HISA- MATSU
YOU GET IT RIGHT? YOU CAN'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT THIS
BUT BEFORE THAT, THE PO -LICE WILL BE AFTER YOU SINCE YOU -'RE A DAN HOLDER
IF KURATA- SENSEI FINDS OUT THAT I WAS FIGHTING WITH AMATEURS*, I'LL BE KICKED OUT FOR GOOD NO, I'LL BE DEAD MEAT
WHAT'S A DAN- HOLDER?

T/N: SHIHO'O IN THIS CASE SOMEONE WHO HAS NOT TRAINED AT A DOJO

UM YOU'RE NOT GOING TO MOVE OUT, RIGHT?
DON'T WORRY
I'M NOT GOING TO YOUR GRAND-FATHERS' PLACE
SINCE YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD YOUR GRAND-FATHERS TO YOURSELF,
YOU'D HATE TO SHARE ANYONE ELSE, RIGHT?
...DO YOU HAVE A GOAL FOR THE FUTURE?
SE-
SELF DEFENSE FORCE COMMANDER
THAT'S IT?
IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S THE EARTH DEFENSE FORCE OR ANYTHING...
Is he really that much of an idiot?
THEY'RE BACK
REALLY!?
WELCOME HOME
AH!
THUD!
I still don't think that I'm related to this guy...
PFFF

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CHAPTER FOUR

BANG!
CRIMP
NGH
BUMP
.....
.....
WHY IS AKIHITO'S LOW DRAW-ER HERE...
IN FACT, WHEN THE HECK DID HE MOVE IT OUT INTO THE CORRI-DOR!?
WHY...

DID I JUST SCRATCH IT?
AH
EH WHAT -EVER
SFX: STEP
HEAVE
CRACK
SNAP
KI SA!

SFX: BANG!
.....!
SFX: PAFF
SOME-THING LIKE THAT BUT THAT'S NOT POS-SIBLE
THUDD
BANG
(RRRR-)
GRRR
BUT IMAGINING IT WON'T COST A THING!
SHUT UP!
GOOD MORNING AKI-NIN
GOOD
EHH!?
I DID IT AGAIN!
..FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE!
This person is my half brother We share the same father
SFX: THONK!

And this person is my mother
WELL WHAT -EVER
OOPS I SCRA-TCHED IT
GOOD MORNING MOM
exhausted...
MORNING. YOU TWO DID YOU SLEEP WELL?
BREAK -FAST IS READY
CROWS FEET
EYE BAGS
I DON'T WANT ANY
JUST LOOKING MAKES ME FEEL FULL.
But she's completely unrelated to my two brothers
IT'S BEEN RYOKAN-STYLE* BREAKFASTS EVERY MORNING FOR THE WHOLE WEEK I'M SICK OF IT

T/N: A RYOKAN IS A TRADITIONAL JAPANESE INN

It's been a week since both of us have started living here
The smiles that everyone has put on are starting to wear thin
.....
IS IT ABOUT TIME I WAKE TEPPEI-SAN UP?
SLAM!
SLAM!
WOAH
I'M STARVING THANKS FOR THE FOOD
IT'S FINE HE'S PROBABLY WORKING LATE TODAY
LET HIM SLEEP IN
REALLY?
IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S NOT GETTING ENOUGH SLEEP
.. WHEN DID TEPPEI START SLEEPING IN THE LIVING ROOM?
A WEEK AGO
AND IT'S BEEN LIKE THIS ALL WEEK HUH
AND HE SNEAKS BACK INTO HIS ROOM AROUND DAWN

SORRY
I'VE BEEN INTRUDING ON TEPPEI-SAN THE WHOLE TIME
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT SATOSHI!
TEPPEI'S NEVER SHARED HIS ROOM WITH ANYONE BEFORE HE'S JUST A BIT NERVOUS
AH, I'M NOT SAYING IT'S TEPPEI'S FAULT EITHER!
Everyone is struggling to cooperate
WELL, SOME OF US ARE STRUGGLING MORE THAN OTHERS
IT'S HIM.
IT'S THIS GUY.
KNOCK KNOCK!
EXCUSE ME
I NEED TO GET A CHANGE OF CLOTHES
OPEN
HUH
WHAT IS IT?
SOCKS
WHY DIDN'T YOU COME AND GET THEM LAST NIGHT?
BE-CAUSE I DIDN'T REALIZE THERE WERE HOLES IN THEM.
PULL
MEN SHOULDN'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF JUST GO AS YOU ARE!
HEY WAIT
YOU CAN'T COME IN!
BANG!
JUMP
EXCUSE ME!
BUT THIS ROOM WAS MINE TO BEGIN WITH!

UNDERSTOOD I'LL GET IT FOR YOU
WHICH BOX IS IT IN?
UH...
?
LATTER
SLIDE
GEH!
WHUMP
AH
I COULDN'T FIND IT SO USE MINE INSTEAD
SORRY
IN THE ONE NAMED "SATOSHI'S SUMMER CLOTHES"..
WOW
.....
"SUMMER CLOTHES" HUH...
OUCH!
BANG!
DON'T SMELL IT IN FRONT OF ME
Sniff Sniff
Reflexive action

AKIHITO-KUN
AH I DIDN'T WANT TO SAY THIS BUT IT'S BEEN A WEEK ALREADY
DAMN
IF YOU CAN'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT ALL THIS FURNITURE THEN I'M GETTING RID OF IT
EHHH? WHY!?
IT'S ALL GOOD STUFF! IT CAN STILL BE USED!
BUT THEY AREN'T BEING USED
AND YOU DON'T HAVE ANY PLANS TO USE THEM, AM I RIGHT?
ON TOP OF THAT, THEY'RE ACTUALLY CAUSING PROBLEMS FOR US DON'T YOU THINK?
WAIT NO
WAIT A SEC!
It's strange
Recently it's become Akihito's turn to be troubled by his furniture
HEY, PLEASE DON'T!
YOU CAN'T THROW THIS—
"THIS ONE CONTAINS MY DAD'S MEMORIES."
"THIS WAS MY MOTHER'S WEDDING DOWRY"
SO HE'S NOT JUST DOING THIS DELIBERATELY TO ANNOY MOM
WHERE DID I PUT MY CELL-PHONE?

CRACK
BUMP
!
AH, SORRY
WHAT'S UP, SATOSHI-KUN?
NOTHING I JUST THOUGHT YOU MIGHT STILL BE SLEEPING
IT'S FINE I'M DONE NOW YOU CAME TO GET SOMETHING RIGHT?
YES
YOU SHOULDN'T ACT SO CONSCIOUS OF ME
WE'RE FAMILY AFTER-ALL
.....
...This person is my Mom's ex-husband's son. Technically, he's my brother. He's twenty-four years old.

He's the only one in this house who isn't connected by blood
IT'S TRUE THAT I'M THE DETESTABLE WOMAN WHO STOLE YOUR FATHER AWAY FROM YOU AND YOUR MOTHER
Ha Ha Ha!
MOM, YOU'RE DISCUSSING SUCH SERIOUS TOPICS THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING
AKIHITO, YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE FOR CLASS
LET'S LEAVE THIS ISSUE UNTIL YOU GET BACK
IF THAT'S THE CASE THEN OKAY
OK?
YOU SAID THAT YOU'D TIDY UP YOUR MESS DIDN'T YOU!?
BUT WHY IS THAT I CAN ONLY SEE YOUR THINGS TAKING UP MORE AND MORE SPACE!?
WHY!?
Why!?
YOU SWEAR YOU WON'T THROW ANYTHING AWAY WHILE I'M GONE?
CROSS YOUR HEART?
PROMISE?
grade school jan-ken?
I PROMISE AKIHITO DON'T WORRY YOU CAN GO
OH-TE-CHAN, YOU'RE TOO EASY ON HIM!
ON SATOSHI, YOU'LL BE LATE TOO! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ANYTHING?
I'M LEAVING
WHAT THE HELL SINCE WHEN WERE THEY ON A FIRST NAME BASIS?
BUMP!

In many ways, Teppei-san is the central pillar of this family
SATOSHI-KUN, YOU CAN'T LEAVE YET
CLEAR AWAY YOUR TABLEWARE AFTER BREAKFAST! YOU'RE ALREADY IN HIGHSCHOOL.
OH
YES
...I'M LEAVING NOW
AHH HIS BODY WAS JUST AS I IMAGINED IT TO BE! LEAN, SLIM AND BEAUTIFUL!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO NOT BE CONSCIOUS OF HIM!!
AOSH! WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE HE ADDS "-KUN" TO!?
IT'S FINE!
NO I'LL DO IT BY THE WAY I'LL BE BUYING GROCERIES FOR DINNER IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT?
NO IT'S FINE I'LL DO IT
IT'S THIS LATE I'LL CLEAR ALREADY THE TABLE SO YOU CAN GET READY, MOM

I LLOO IT, REALLY! TE-CHAN YOU SHOULD GET READY TOO
BAM!
FLINCH
THIS IS WHAT ANY MOTHER SHOULD DO ANY-WAY!
AH!
SORRY!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO GET ANGRY
I CAN'T STOP FEELING TIRED NOW
I'VE SLACKED OFF FROM BEING A "MOM" FOR TOO LONG
BUT YOU'RE FORCING YOUR-SELF
WORKING MOTHERS DON'T USUALLY GO ALL OUT PREPARING BREAKFAST
STUFF LIKE THAT IS MORE SUITABLE
BREAD, CEREAL OR COLD FOOD LIKE YOGURT IS FINE
OTHERWISE, YOU WON'T LAST

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED SIBLINGS SO I'M HAVING FUN RIGHT NOW
IT FEELS LIKE WE ARE ON A SCHOOL CAMP... IT'S TOUGH FOR YOU, MOM.
BUT I'LL HELP YOU OUT AS MUCH AS I CAN.

"T/N: "UMI NO YUKABA" WAS A CLASSIC ANTHEM SUNG BY THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL NAVY DURING WORLD WAR TWO

My family are Jinchan and Dai-jiichan
Honestly having to live with my mother for the first time in thirteen years is...
CALLING HER "MOM" IS STILL A BIT...
I'LL BE BACK THIS WEEKEND, OKAY
I wonder how I addressed her when I was a toddler?
PROBABLY SOMETHING LIKE "MAMA" HUH?
That hag at home is so-
Think about how your mother felt when she gave birth to you!
THIS DRAMA IS NOT REALLY WORTH WATCH-ING...
THAT GUY'S DEFINITELY HOMO!
THIS IS UNBE-LIEVABLE
AH
AKIHITO, WOULD YOU LIKE MORE COFFEE?
THERE'S GOT TO BE AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE TO THIS
COME ON THINK ABOUT IT WOULD A NORMAL TEACHER DO THAT?

I'M FINE THANK YOU
I SEE
SATOSHI -KUN?
I'M FINE
AH
I'M GOING TO SEO
I'M HOME
HEY
WAIT A SEC
NO, I DON'T WANNA NO WAY!
WE PROMISED TO HAVE A TALK REMEMBER?
Tepper-san s angry now
He never says anything to me besides "Good Morning", "Good Night" or "Would you like seconds?"
AKI-HITO!
YOU SHOULD JUST GIVE UP, AKI-HITO
OH I GIVE UP! I M SELLING YOUR FURNITURE TO A DEALER TOMORROW WHEN YOU RE OUT!
JUST YOU TRY IT I M GONNA KILL YOU YOU HAG!

SOME OF MY FRIENDS ARE COMING ON SUNDAY TO PICK OUT ANY FURNITURE THEY WANT
WE CAN SELL WHATEVER'S LEFT
THAT'S GREAT
NOW SATOSHI-KUN CAN USE HIS ROOM AGAIN
Somehow it feels like Akihito who isn't blood-related is getting on better with Mom than I am
FIRST NAME-BASIS HUH...
I DARE YOU TO SAY THAT AGAIN!
Hey!
IS WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN
And then,
I won't need to watch you slip out of the room every night
Yes...
AH
THERE'S MORE STUFF UPSTAIRS SO COME AND LOOK
AKI-NIN?
AKI-NIN...?
Welcome
YA-HOO! AKI-NIN!
HELLO!
SORRY FOR DISTURBING YOU ON YOUR DAY OFF
A GIRL... I KNEW IT

SHE'S CUTE AREN'T YOU THE POPU-LAR ONE AKI-NIN?
Ding Dong!
AH, ANOTHER FRIEND OF YOURS?
ARE YOU HEAD-ING OUT?
YEAH I'M GOING TO JII-CHAN'S FOR A BIT.
I SEE. HAVE A SAFE TRIP
SATOSHI!
DO ME A FAVOR!
EH?
KEEP THAT GIRL COMPANY FOR A BIT
HUH!?
YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP HER BUSY FOR ABOUT AN HOUR
ISN'T THAT MAYUMAYU!?
BUT WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO
PLEASE!
Ding Dong~

It's fine to meet five or even six people...
I DON'T WANNA. BESIDES THEY'VE ALREADY SEEN EACH OTHER
Ding Don-g
SHI-T! SATOSHI! I'M REG-ING YOU!
AKI-NIN- THAT'S PROBABLY ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS!
But he's a complete idiot if he arranged for each person to come every half an hour
I TAKE AFTER MY MOTHER
YOU DON'T LOOK VERY SIMILAR THOUGH.
YOU'RE AKI-NIN'S LITTLE BROTHER?
LET'S SEE. HE'S REALLY HONEST LYING DOESN'T EVEN CROSS HIS MIND! I GUESS THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL CHILDISH INNOCENCE
UM. WHAT IS IT ABOUT AKIHITO WHICH ATTRACTED YOU ALL TO HIM?
Oh Satoshi-chan
THIS PERSON'S CRAZY!
THE FACT THAT'S HE'S SO CLUMSY! IT'S IRRESI-STABLE
BUT I'M NOTHING LIKE HER ON THE INSIDE
AT LEAST I'VE NEVER DATED FIVE PEOPLE AT THE SAME TIME!
AND TEPPEI-SAN...?
AH- THAT CHILD'S NOT VERY GOOD THIS SORT OF THING
HE'S PROBABLY UPSTAIRS
HE RAN OFF.
WHERE'S AKI-HITO?
THANKS TO HIM, I GOT TO SEE A REALLY INTERESTING SCENE

OHH... SO YOU'VE ALL GONE THROUGH HIS PHONE AS WELL?
WHEN HE WAS TAKING A BATH?
YOU'RE "AOI", RIGHT?
AH
WHICH MEANS YOU'RE "REMI", HUH.
YOU'RE NOT "MAYU MAYU" BY ANY CHANCE?
BANG
SHUDE...
I'M PRETTY SURE REMI AOI AND MAPIKA ALL INVESTIGATED MY PAST RELATIONSHIPS TOO
I BET OUR DAD WAS JUST AS TERRIBLE WHEN IT COMES TO GIRLS AND RELATIONSHIPS
"SO EVEN ONE WHO HAS NUMBED HIS EMOTIONS CANNOT HELP BUT BE MOVED UPON SEEING SOMETHING SO BEAUTIFUL."
JAPANESE LITERATURE?
NO
GET OUT
NO ECONOMICS
HURRY UP AND BECOME FOOD FOR THOSE VULTURES OUT THERE!
NEVER
YOU'RE AN ADULT, RIGHT?
YES
CAN'T YOU EVEN DEAL WITH SOMETHING LIKE THIS!?
WHAM!

HELLO? SENPAI? THIS IS HISAMATSU.
ARE YOU FREE TO HANG OUT TODAY?
SORRY HISAMATSU DON'T COME OVER TODAY SERIOUSLY
WHY NOT?
AH,
SOMETHING'S HAPPENED I KNEW IT!
WHO WAS IT!? THE SHORT-HAIRED GUY?
THAT MEGANE!?
I thought your only condition was height
Why not!?
EVERYONE CALM DOWN _!
WAIT... I CAN'T AGREE WITH THAT
BEEP
THAT'S MY ID OT BROTHER I'M HANG -ING UP
THAT WON'T MATTER IF YOU RE GAY!
YOU'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH HIM!
IT'S THE SHORT -HAIRED GUY I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN!
HAAA
Kiyaa~
NO- THAT S NOT IT
TODAY'S DEFINITELY NOT GOOD

AMAZ-ING
SANAE -CHAN
HE'S A KARATE DAN-HOLDER!
dizzy
dizzy
SMACK
AH
S...SORRY! ARE YOU OKAY?
EH?
REALLY?
IT CAN'T BE! BUT HE'S SO YOUNG!
SO DOES THAT MEAN HE'S GOOD AT FIGHTING?
ugh?
THAT..
Akihito—
"IT'S A DAN-HOLDER GETS INTO A FIGHT, THEY'D BE STRIPPED OF THEIR—NO THEY'D BE ARRESTED!"
IS HE WORRIED OUT THAT?
RIGHT?
NO, HE'S FORBIDDEN FROM GETTING INTO BRAWLS AND STUFF
THAT'S A GIVEN
BUT I'VE SEEN HIS FORMS DURING PRACTICE!
"Show us some moves!"
But you've only got two days
Kyaa! You're so cute!

SATOSHI-KUN! LET'S GO ON A DATE NEXT TIME!
SEE YOU THEN, AKI-NIN! HURRY UP AND GET THE CLOSET DELIVERED FOR ME
ONEE-SAN LIKES GOUKON'S SO ASK ME IF YOU'RE SHORT ON PEOPLE!
I HAD FUN TODAY! BYEBYE!
LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER THEN
YOU SHOULD'VE SAID! I'LL LEND YOU A HAND
EH!? YOU STILL HAVEN'T UN-FACKED?
It's been a week!
EH EH?
Reserved Mayuduki-sama
Reserved Aoi-sama
Remi-sama's
Look at this! It's so cruuute!
Kyaa
Don't touch this!
Twi can we throw away?
RATTLE...
SATOSHI-KUN YOU PRACTICE KARATE?
HE'S BEING SO UPFRONT WITH ME IT'S FEELS WEIRD...
Y...YEAH.
THOUGH I'VE BEEN SLACK-ING OFF LATELY.
SLUMP...
But with how many were there?
THEY'RE ALL VERY PRETTY
SATO-SHI.
YOU SAVED ME BACK THERE...
THANKS!

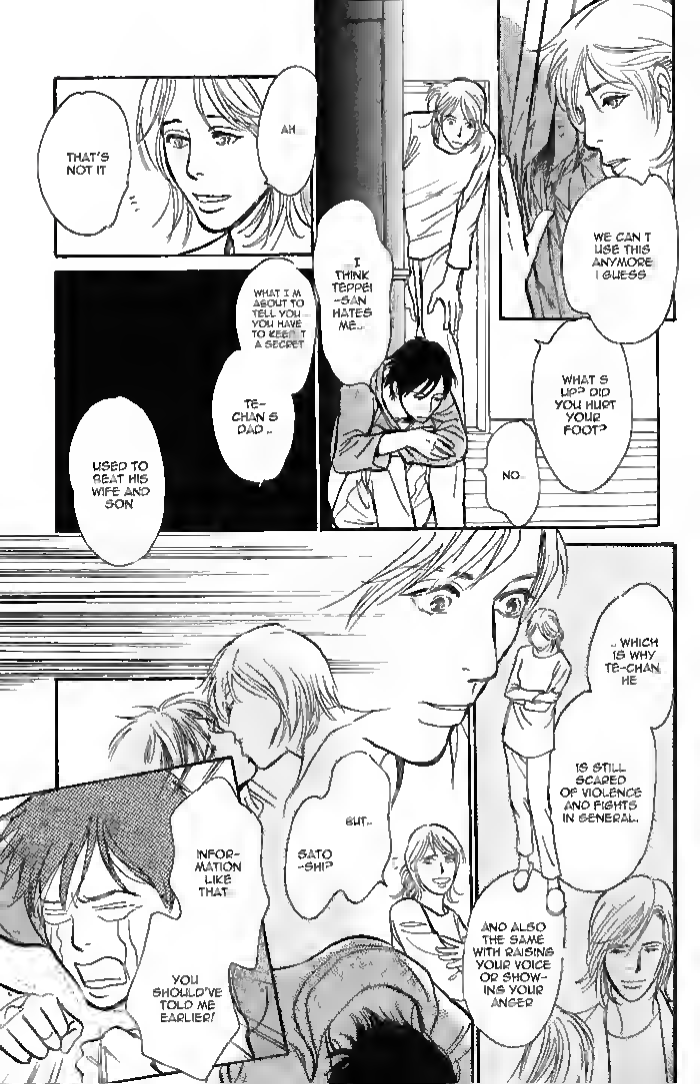
UM.
WHAT EXACTLY ARE "FORMS"?
THERE'S A LOT OF THEM.
FOR EXAMPLE—
UM.
PUNCH
THIS—
KINDA LIKE THAT.
HUH?
TEPPEI-SAN
SA SA SA SA
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT
SA SA SA SA...
SPLASH
SPLASH

INTER-NATIONAL CALL FOR YOU
IT'S FROM YOUR MOTHER IN BOS-TON
EH
OH
THANKS
AKIHITO
AKIHITO

MEMORIES. I CAN KEEP THEM.
BUT SOME THINGS ARE LOST FOR-EVER.
..YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND
SHE'S NOT ELIZABETH TAYLOR
SHE'S WANTS TO SETTLE DOWN
THIS IS MY MOM'S THIRD MAR-RIAGE
EVEN IF THE THINGS ARE NO LONGER THERE, IT DOESN'T MEAN YOUR MEMORIES WILL DIS APPEAR
IT'S FUNNY RIGHT?
I'M ALREADY NINETEEN.
AKIHITO, YOU ALSO LEFT YOUR PARENTS BEHIND
WHEN I CHOSE TO LIVE WITH MY MOM
I LEFT MY FATHER BEHIND
IS IT WRONG TO WANT TO KEEP THESE?
INSTEAD I'VE DEVEL-OPED THIS PHOBIA OF THROWING THINGS AWAY
I SHOULD BE USED TO BEING ABANDONED BY MY PARENTS BY NOW AND YET-

AS EXPECTED OF A SCHOOL TEACHER. YOU'RE GOOD AT SPEAK-ING TO PEOPLE
YOU COULD HAVE GONE TO BOSTON WITH YOUR MOTHER, RIGHT?
BUT YOU CHOSE TO LIVE WITH US INSTEAD
WHAT DID THOSE TWO WANT? PIZZA OR SOBA?
SATOSHI?
HM?
STEP STEP STEP STEP...
SFX: SMASH
ナイ

YOU BASTARD! THAT WAS MY MOM'S DOWRY FROM HER SECOND MARRIAGE!
I, I DIDN'T MEAN TO BREAK IT! SORRY...
AHHH
E, REALLY!? I'M SORRY!
OOOH!
WHAT DID YOU DO THAT FOR?
WE COULD HAVE SOLD THIS AT A REALLY GOOD PRICE!
Take this!
How about THIS then?
It's still working! Good for nothing...
STOP IT ALREADY! IT'S DANGEROUS
THOUGH THAT WAS A GREAT ROUNDHOUSE KICK THERE
You're useless at this!
STOP IT AND YOU'VE GOT THE MOVE COMPLETELY WRONG!
UNFORGIVABLE! EAT MY COBRA TWIST!"
1 T/N: NAME OF A KARATE MOVE


AH..
THAT'S NOT IT
WE CAN'T USE THIS ANYMORE I GUESS
I THINK TEPPEI -SAN HATES ME..
WHAT I'M ABOUT TO TELL YOU.. YOU HAVE TO KEEP IT A SECRET
WHAT'S UP? DID YOU HURT YOUR FOOT?
TE-CHAN'S DAD..
NO..
USED TO BEAT HIS WIFE AND SON
.. WHICH IS WHY TE-CHAN HE
IS STILL SCARED OF VIOLENCE AND FIGHTS IN GENERAL.
BUT..
SATO -SHI?
INFOR-MATION LIKE THAT
AND ALSO THE SAME WITH RAISING YOUR VOICE OR SHOWING YOUR ANGER
YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD ME EARLIER!

SO IF TE-CHAN CAN GET USED TO THE TWO OF YOU LIVING HERE IT MIGHT BE A GOOD THING
WELL, THERE'S ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD
FIGHT ON DAD
ONE
THAT MEANS I'M DONE FOR!!!
DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIOR
AND I FEEL LIKE I'M START-ING TO UNDER-STAND AKIHITO A LITTLE AS WELL
I'VE ONLY DONE THINGS THAT HE HATES SINCE ARRIVING...!?
TOY MODELS, CARS STAMPS, EVEN BRANDS OF TISSUE...
MEN ARE ODD CREA-TURES THAT LIKE TO COL-LECT THINGS AREN'T THEY?
SATOSHI I MOVED YOUR FUTON
THAT'S TOTALLY WRONG!
A FURNITURE OTAKU!
IN OTHER WORDS AKI-HITO IS ONE OF THEM. AN OTAKU!
I BET TEPPEI-SAN IS RELIEVED TOO
I finally moved into my own room
AH
I FORGOT TO CALL JII-CHAN THEY MUST BE WAITING
Akihito isn't that awful really
...Mom's an odd person

But I don't feel the slightest bit relieved..
AH!
IT'S THE PRINCE! LONG TIME NO SEE!
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
RUB RUB
PSST
YOU'VE MOVED IN WITH YOUR LOVER, RIGHT?
IT MUST BE BLISS!
THAT'S NOT TRUE
OH!
THAT'S NOT TRUE I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SLEEP PROPERLY FOR WHILE NOW
IT HURTS...
IT'S LIKE I'M IN HELL

THEN HOW ABOUT I HELP YOU GET A GOOD NIGHT'S REST TONIGHT?
POOR PRINCE..
YOU TWO AREN'T DOING WELL, HUH.
HOW ABOUT ME?
THANK YOU
BUT
I'M SHORTER THAN HIM THOUGH
DO YOU STILL REMEMBER?
SATO-SHI
DO I HAVE A CHANCE?

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T/N: "NETAKIRI" IS A JAPANESE TERM FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO ARE CHRONICALLY BEDRIDDEN AND REQUIRE SUPPORT FROM FAMILY MEMBERS OR HIRED HELP. FOR THOSE INTERESTED, CHECK OUT "ROUJIN Z".

"WELCOME HOME, SATOSHI"
"WE GRANDADS HAVE BEEN VERY LONELY EVER SINCE YOU LEFT THIS HOUSE"
"DAI-JIICHAN IS GOING TO BE BEDRIDDEN FROM NEXT WEEK ON"
Sorry for intru-ding!
"WAIT A MOMENT BEFORE THAT"
"SORRY, JII-CHAN I THINK IT'S BETTER IF I CAME BACK HERE"
"WHICH IS IT YOU REALLY LIKE? MEN? WOMEN?"
"CAN YOU LET ME OFF THE HOOK FOR NOW—"
"WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WE DON'T HAVE ANY TIME LEFT!"
RRRING
RRRING
Why is Mom here!?
EH!?

"EEHH BUT I DON'T WANT TO DO THAT IN FRONT OF MOM!"
"HURRY, YOU HAVE TO DECIDE!"
RING RING RING RING
RING RING RING
HUH!?
"IF YOU DON'T DECIDE SOON, THE HOTEL WILL CLOSE!"
"I THOUGHT YOU WENT WITH YOUR KOUHAI, HISAMATSU -KUN."
RING RING RING...
"YOU WENT TO A HOTEL WITH YOUR MOM'S PRECIOUS SON, TEPPEI-KUN, RIGHT?"
RING RING RING
"WHICH IS IT, SATOSHI?"
SORRY! BUT I DIDN'T MEAN EITHER OF THEM!
"SORRY, JII-CHAN, DAI-JIICHAN I THINK I--"
RING RING RING RING

"I ACTUALLY LIKE MEN..."
"I THINK..."
RRRING...
Huh?
RRRING...
I don't recognize this ceiling...
Where am I?
RRRING...
WHAT AN AWFUL DREAM.
AFTER SPENDING A WHOLE WEEK IN TEPPEI-SAN'S ROOM
RRRING...
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY
Ah...
OH YEAH
RRRING...
I FINALLY MOVED BACK INTO MY OWN ROOM LAST NIGHT—

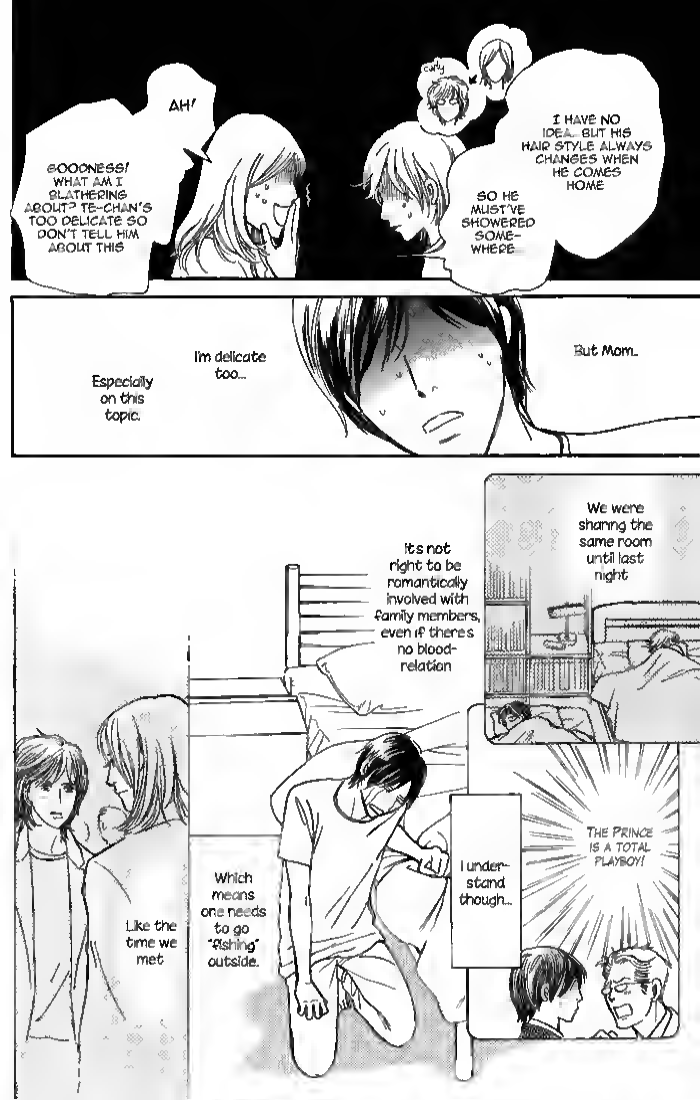
RRRING...
AKIHITO!
WHERE WHERE!?
WHAT!?
WHAT!? DID SOMETHING FALL DOWN!?
PICK UP YOUR PHONE!
RRRING...
BONK!
WAKE UP!
RRRING...
HUH!?
RRRING...
PHONE...
PHONE...
THAT SAID HE'S STILL HALF ASLEEP
HUUUH?
HERE YOU GO AKI-NIN IT'S REMI-CHAN
FLIP!
REMI-CHAN
RRRING...

EH!?
It's Remi-chan!
I was sleeping
S SORRY, SORRY, REMI-CHAN?
Rustle Rustle
My new room mate and half-brother Akihito is a hopeless idiot
Ah
AOI-CHAN? THANKS FOR TODAY
HELLO?
WHY DOES AOI-CHAN GET TWO HOURS?
HM YOU PROMISED NINETY MINUTES WITH ME
I WAS HOPING TO MEET YOUR FAMILY
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I WAS INVITED OVER SINCE YOU MOVED
MAYU HAS TO WAIT HALF AN HOUR?
I WANT TO SEE YOU!
On a Sunday afternoon, all five of his girlfriends met each other here
HALF AN HOUR PER PERSON? HMPH!
But still, he hasn't been dumped. I have no idea what makes him so popular
OKAY
I'LL DEFINITELY BE THERE IN THIRTY MINUTES.

I love you a year before remember?
HONESTLY.. C AN'T YOU SEE THAT I'M SLEEPING? KEEP IT DOWN!
HEY SOCKS CAN YOU LEND ME A PAIR OF SOCKS?
STOP BEING SO NOISY...
Rustle
ER... UM.
HUH WHERE WAS IT AGAIN
FOUND IT !
WAH!
!
NHUMP!
HUH?
YOUR GOING OUT NOW?
IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT
BUT REMI-CHAN S ANGRY AT ME SO I HAVE TO BE THERE IN THIRTY
OR SHE LL JUMP OFF FROM THE BUILDING
THEN GO! GO BAREFOOT!
REMI-CHAN LIVES ON THE THIRD FLOOR THOUGH
Fufu
WHAT IF SHE JUMPS FROM THE TOP FLOOR?!

...It's hard to believe that we're even blood-related.
PURURU
MY COAT
AH, AOI-CHAN MESSAGED ME
HURRY, HURRY! YOU CAN REPLY LATER
HERE! YOUR COAT
AH
WAIT, DON'T PUT THE CHAIN ON YET
WHISPER
IT'S IN YOUR COAT POCKET YOUR WALLET TOO!
I PUT IT IN THERE HURRY!
UH KEYS
WHERE ARE MY KEYS
SHH!
RATTLE RATTLE
WAS THAT AKIHITO-KUN?
YEAH REMI-CHAN CALLED
"YAWN"
OH
THE AFTERNOON WAS MASTERPIECE, WASN'T IT?
IN THAT RESPECT, HE'S EXACTLY LIKE YOUR FATHER
SHIVER
I have absolutely no memories of him but I think I'm more like my mom.

AH.
YOU CAN LEAVE THE CHAIN TE-CHAN'S STILL OUT
EH?
WHEN DID HE...
AH! UM...
WELL YOU KNOW HE'S TWENTY-FOUR
HE NEEDS TO GET OUT AND HAVE FUN TIME EVERY NOW AND AGAIN
MAYBE HE'S FEELING A BIT COOPED UP AFTER SHARING ROOMS WITH YOU ALL WEEK?
I'VE TOLD HIM NOT TO GO TO ANY RED-LIGHT DISTRICTS THOUGH
HE WENT TO NICHOUME!!
FROM A MOTHER'S POINT OF VIEW OH NO IT'S MEANINGLESS FOR ME TO SAY ANYTHING-
MAYBE HE'S JUST OUT DRINKING WITH FRIENDS...
OH SO TEPPEI-SAN ISN'T SEEING ANYBODY AT THE MOMENT?
HE'S DEFINITELY GONE TO PICK UP GUYS!!


AH!
GOODNESS! WHAT AM I BLATHERING ABOUT? TE-CHAN'S TOO DELICATE SO DON'T TELL HIM ABOUT THIS
Girl
I HAVE NO IDEA. BUT HIS HAIR STYLE ALWAYS CHANGES WHEN HE COMES HOME
SO HE MUST'VE SHOWERED SOME-WHERE
But Mom..
I'm delicate too...
Especially on this topic.
We were sharing the same room until last night
It's not right to be romantically involved with family members, even if there's no blood-relation
THE PRINCE IS A TOTAL PLAYBOY!
I under-stand though...
Which means one needs to go "fishing" outside.
Like the time we met

"I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU ALL MY LIFE.."
At the same place..
HEY
HOW ABOUT ME?
OR AM I NOT YOUR TYPE AT ALL?
WHAT SERIOUSLY?
HITTING ON THE PRINCE JUST LIKE THAT THE YOUTH ARE SCARY!
OH DEAR—
THIS KID'S QUITE THE BRAVE ONE

AH, YOU
YOU KNOW THE PRINCE IS SATOSHI
IT'S FINE IF I'M THE ONE APPROACHING YOU RIGHT?
OR ARE YOU WAITING FOR SATOSHI?
DIDN'T YOU KNOW?
I HAPPEN TO KNOW SOMEONE WITH THE SAME NAME
RIGHT?
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED? HE SEEMED TO BE IN A REALLY BAD MOOD
SORRY PRINCE
HE'S USUALLY A REALLY GOOD KID
DON'T WORRY
SATOSHI ISN'T MY REAL NAME BY THE WAY
IT'S FINE WHO'D USE THEIR REAL NAME IN A PLACE LIKE THIS ANYWAY?
MY REAL NAME IS KAME JIROU

SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT
HE'S NOW LIVING WITH HIS CASANOVA BROTHER
AND HIS ECCENTRIC STEP-MOTHER
REALLY!? I CAN RELATE TO THAT TOO...
IT'S ACTUALLY THE NAME OF MY FIRST LOVE
THOUGH I ONLY KNEW HIM FROM A PHOTOGRAPH
HIS PARENTS DIVORCED WHEN HE WAS VERY YOUNG
BAR
HE'S YOUR BROTHER!?
YES
ARE YOU OKAY IF WE USE A HOTEL I KNOW?
LET'S SEE
I'VE BEEN COMING TO NICHOLME FOR 2 YEARS
YOU'RE QUITE USED TO THIS SORT OF THING, AREN'T YOU?

I'M HISAMATSU TOMOAKI. A 2ND YEAR AT TOUMON HIGH SCHOOL.
ISN'T HE TECHNICALLY A STRANGER TO SENPAI!?
WHAT A MESS...
SO NOW WHAT?
HOW DO YOU WANT TO DO THIS?
...IT'S FINE IF WE DON'T SHOWER
ONCE SOMEONE DISAPPEARED WHILE I WAS TAKING ONE
REALLY?
CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
NO ESCAPE HUH. WHICH MEANS WE'LL TALK LATER
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT SATOSHI?
DO YOU REALLY REMEMBER HIM?

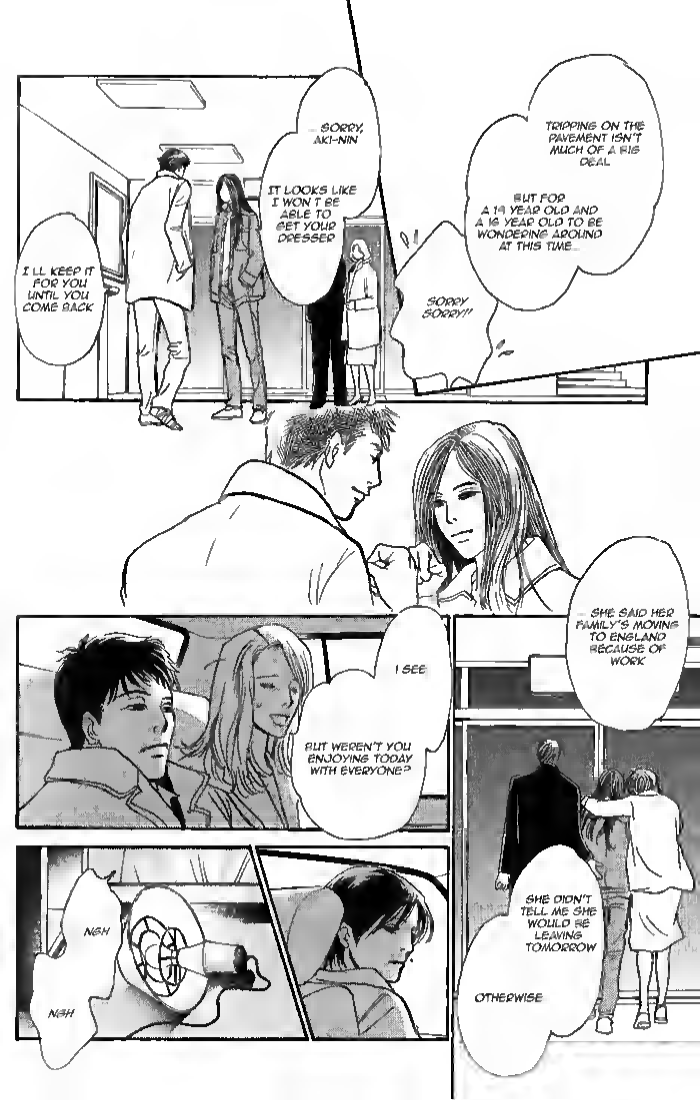
HUH?
SO YOU ONLY DID IT WITH HIM ONCE?
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SEE HIM AGAIN
HUH?
WHAT?
DO YOU HAVE ANY INTENTION OF DATING HIM?
DID YOU EXCHANGE CONTACT DETAILS WITH HIM?
WHAT "ARE YOU GOING TO SEE HIM AGAIN"? I'M LIVING WITH HIM NOW!
HE...
HE HASN'T REALIZED WHO I AM..... !?
YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS, RIGHT?
HUH?
CAN'T HE TELL THAT I'M KATSUSHIKA TEPPEI!?
WHAT DO YOU REALLY THINK ABOUT SATOSHI?
DO YOU LIKE HIM?

IT CAN'T BE...
PRINCE...
HOW DID YOU DO IT WITH HIM?
I NEED TO ESCAPE...
BEFORE HE REALIZES
UM.
LET'S STOP THIS
THIS ISN'T A GOOD IDEA
AFTER ALL
THIS WOULD BE LIKE BETRAYING THE PEOPLE WE LIKE. YOU SHOULD GO HOME INSTEAD.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
I'D ALSO LIKE TO TRY IT OUT WITH THE FAMOUS PRINCE AT LEAST ONCE
WHUMP!!
!

I
I CAN'T MOVE
DO YOU PRACTICE SOME FORM OF MARTIAL ARTS?
KARATE AND A BIT OF AIKIDO
PRINCE...
HOW DID YOU HOLD HIM?
OR WAS IT THE OTHER WAY ROUND?
HEY
HOW MANY TIMES DID SATOSHI COME?

PURURURU...
PURURU...
YES THIS IS KASHIWA SARA
...
WHO IS IT? THIS LATE IN THE NIGHT-----
YES
EH A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
THAT MEANS THEY'RE STILL A MINOR!?
HOW ARE HIS INJURIES?
YES
HE'S MY SON THOUGH STRICTLY SPEAKING I'M HIS GUARDIAN
WHAT?
INJURIES?
WHO'S THE CALL FROM!?
YES
THAT'S A HOTEL DISTRICT ISN'T IT?
FROM THE SHIBUYA POLICE

PLEASE PAY THE FARE
AH
AH MY WALLET MY WALLET..
...EH!?
WHAT THE!? MARIKA-CHAN!
I JUST HAD AN X-RAY IT WASN'T A FRACTURE
THANK GOODNESS IT WAS JUST A TWISTED ANKLE—
MARIKA!?
HURRY UP AND DIE!
...WHAT THE HELL!


TRIPPING ON THE PAVEMENT ISN'T MUCH OF A BIG DEAL
BUT FOR A 14 YEAR OLD AND A 16 YEAR OLD TO BE WONDERING AROUND AT THIS TIME...
SORRY SORRY!!
... SORRY, AKI-NIN
IT LOOKS LIKE I WON'T BE ABLE TO GET YOUR DRESSER
I'LL KEEP IT FOR YOU UNTIL YOU COME BACK
... SHE SAID HER FAMILY'S MOVING TO ENGLAND BECAUSE OF WORK
I SEE
BUT WEREN'T YOU ENJOYING TODAY WITH EVERYONE?
SHE DIDN'T TELL ME SHE WOULD BE LEAVING TOMORROW
OTHERWISE
NGH
NGH

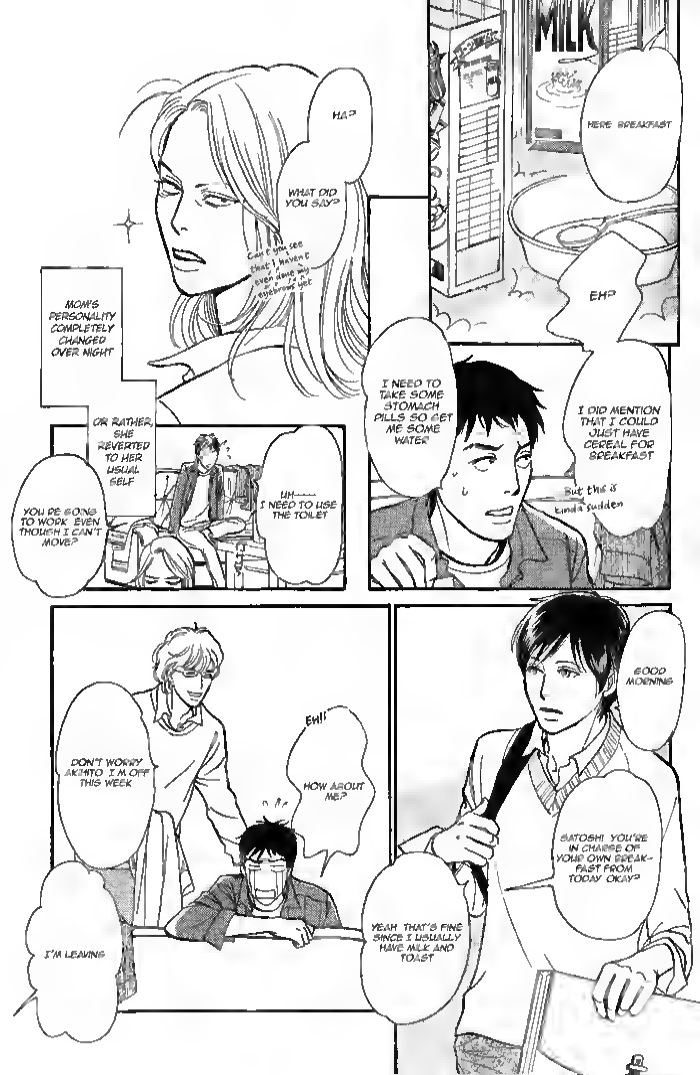
SIGH
...
YEAH...
IT WAS HIS FIRST TIME
SATOSHI
...
HE DID SAY THAT
NGH
.....
DAMNIT
UGH
NGH

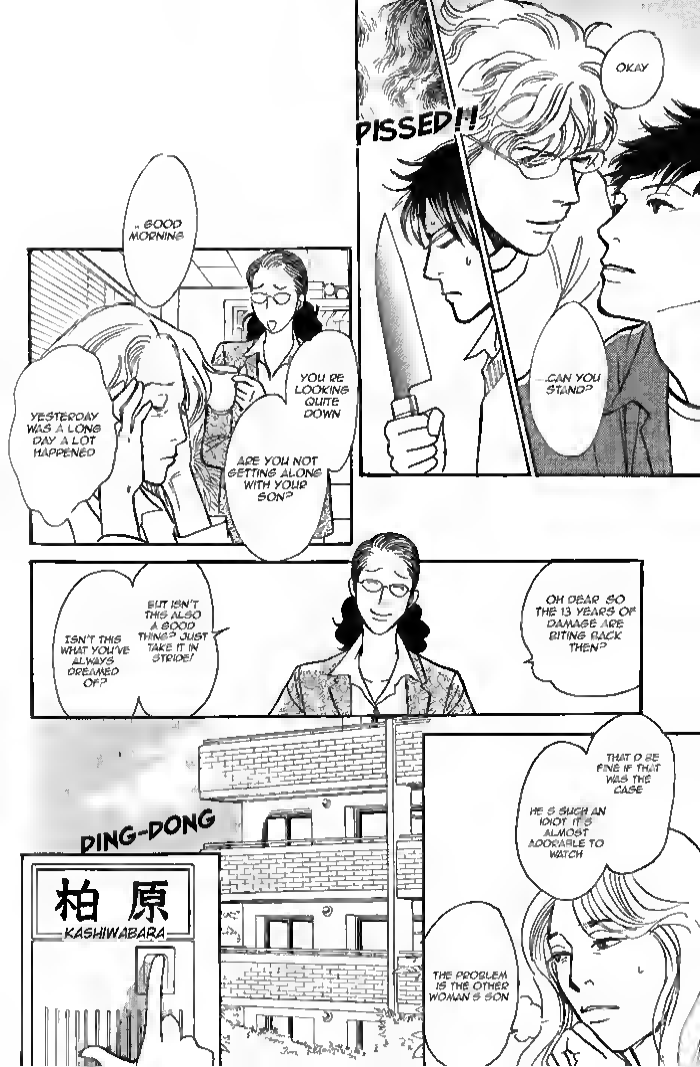
I BROUGHT HIM TO NICHOUME BECAUSE I THOUGHT I WOULD BE THE ONE WHO WOULD MAKE HIM REALIZE
I WANTED IT TO BE ME...!
UP UNTIL NOW IT'S ONLY BEEN ONE GIRL AFTER ANOTHER
HE EVEN SAID HE WASN'T INTERESTED IN MEN
I SHOULD HAVE FORCED MYSELF ON HIM BEFORE HE REALIZED
HE WOULD MEET THE PRINCE AND FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM...!
WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT ON HIS FIRST DAY
Light's standards are high

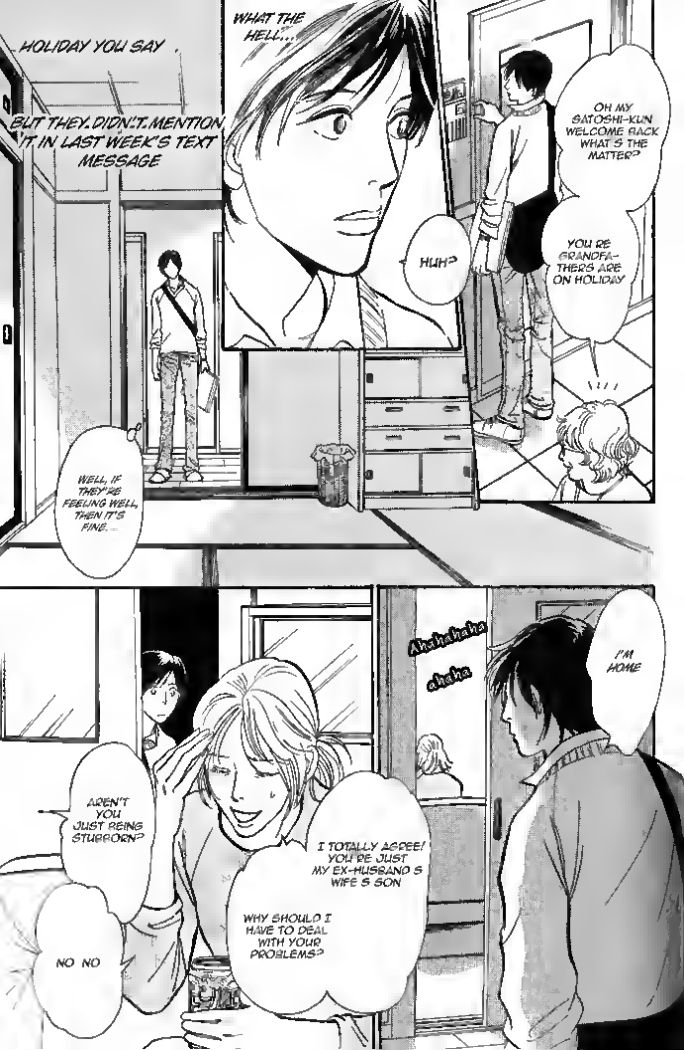
HE LOOKED SO HAPPY
EVEN THOUGH I WAS THE FIRST ONE TO CONFESS
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME HE'D FALLEN IN LOVE
IF I COULD TURN BACK TIME, I'D MAKE SURE TO NEVER MEET HIM.
IT'S OVER THERE'S NO CHANCE HE'D EVER CHOOSE ME NOW
THERE'S NO POINT IN IN TALKING ABOUT IT ANYMORE
HIS TWO GRANDFATHERS WATCHED OVER HIM
BUT THAT'S FINE
AFTERALL, HE'S DENSE CAUSE HE'S ONLY EVER KNOWN LOVE GROWING UP
HE'S NEVER DESIRED LOVE FROM THE BOTTOM OF HIS HEART
I THOUGHT I UNDERSTOOD
BUT I STILL COULDN'T LET HIM GO AND ENDED UP KISSING HIM BY FORCE
HE LOOKED REALLY HURT AFTER THAT
I GUESS IT'S POINTLESS IF THE FEELINGS AREN'T THERE

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME
I FEEL A LOT BETTER AFTER GETTING THAT OFF MY CHEST
I'LL KEEP THIS A SECRET FROM SATOSHI
GOODBYE
WAH!
AH WELCOME HOME
WOAH I WAS WONDERING WHO THAT WAS
WHY WHY ARE YOU ALL STILL AWAKE AT THIS TIME..
BECAUSE SOME LITTLE IDIOT WENT AND TWISTED HIS ANKLE
WHAT!?

DON'T CHARGE AT ME
WIP
SERIOUSLY?
...ARE YOU OKAY!?
WOAH!!
HIS HAIR HASN'T CHANGED
EH?
...WAS IT A DATE?
THAT NIGHT, AKIHITO SLEPT IN THE LIVING ROOM. HE COULDN'T CLIMB THE STAIRS BECAUSE OF HIS ANKLE
WHICH MEANS HE DIDN'T TAKE A SHOWER
YEAH YOU COULD SAY THAT
BUT THAT DOESN'T PROVE ANYTHING
...GOOD MORNING


MILK
HERE BREAKFAST
EH?
I DID MENTION THAT I COULD JUST HAVE CEREAL FOR BREAKFAST
I NEED TO TAKE SOME STOMACH PILLS SO GET ME SOME WATER
But this is kinda sudden
HA?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
Can't you see that I haven't even done my eyebrows yet
MOM'S PERSONALITY COMPLETELY CHANGED OVER NIGHT
OR RATHER, SHE REVERTED TO HER USUAL SELF
UH..... I NEED TO USE THE TOILET
YOU'RE GOING TO WORK EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T MOVE?
GOOD MORNING
SATOSHI, YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF YOUR OWN BREAKFAST FROM TODAY, OKAY?
YEAH, THAT'S FINE SINCE I USUALLY HAVE MILK AND TOAST
EH!!
HOW ABOUT ME?
DON'T WORRY AKIHITO, I'M OFF THIS WEEK
I'M LEAVING


PISSED!!
OKAY
...CAN YOU STAND?
...GOOD MORNING
YESTERDAY WAS A LONG DAY A LOT HAPPENED
YOU'RE LOOKING QUITE DOWN
ARE YOU NOT GETTING ALONG WITH YOUR SON?
ISN'T THIS WHAT YOU'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF?
BUT ISN'T THIS ALSO A GOOD THING? JUST TAKE IT IN STRIDE!
OH DEAR SO THE 13 YEARS OF DAMAGE ARE BITING BACK THEN?
DING-DONG
柏原
KASHIWABARA
THAT'D BE FINE IF THAT WAS THE CASE
HE'S SUCH AN IDIOT IT'S ALMOST ADORABLE TO WATCH
THE PROBLEM IS THE OTHER WOMAN'S SON


HOLIDAY YOU SAY.
BUT THEY DIDN'T MENTION IT IN LAST WEEK'S TEXT MESSAGE
WHAT THE HELL...
OH MY SATOSHI-KUN WELCOME BACK WHAT'S THE MATTER?
YOU'RE GRANDFATHERS ARE ON HOLIDAY
HUH?
WELL, IF THEY'RE FEELING WELL, THEN IT'S FINE...
I'M HOME
Ahahahaha ahaha
AREN'T YOU JUST BEING STUBBORN?
I TOTALLY AGREE! YOU'RE JUST MY EX-HUSBAND'S WIFE'S SON
WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO DEAL WITH YOUR PROBLEMS?
NO NO

THANKS
I'LL COME AFTER I GET CHANGED
...WHAT THE HELL IS THIS
THEN STRICTLY SPEAKING, MOM, I'M YOUR STEP-SON ALSO
I'M GIVING BACK AS GOOD AS I GET!
Fighting it tooth with claw
MAYBE I CAN ONLY MARRY MEN WHO ALREADY HAVE CHILDREN!?
TEPPEI-SAN'S EXPRESSION ISN'T FORCED TODAY.
THERE'S PIZZA IF YOU WANT ANY AND NORIMAKI AND TAKOYAKI AS WELL
AH
WELCOME HOME, SATOSHI
HUH?
WH..IT'S UP?
I'M SORRY..
SATOSHI
BUT HE DIDN'T HOOK UP WITH ANY-BODY THE NIGHT I MOVED OUT OF HIS ROOM

SWISH!
YOU MUST HATE ME AS YOUR MOM.
HUH?
AFTER ALL, I'VE ABANDONED YOU FOR 13 YEARS. YOU MUST BE ANGRY AT ME.
EH?
W WHY?
WHAT ARE YOU APOLOGIZING FOR?
CAUSE
I WANTED TO EXPLAIN PROPERLY
BUT I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT I WANTED YOU BACK SO MUCH THAT I LOOKED FOR YOU HIGH AND LOW
NO, THAT'S NOT
AH...
NOT RESENTING...
I'VE GOT YOUR GRANDFATHERS' TO THANK!
SORRY FOR BEING SUCH A SELFISH MOTHER
I'M ACTUALLY A BIT DISAPPOINTED THAT YOU DON'T RESENT ME

I'M THE ONLY ONE WITH BLOOD-RELATIONS WITH MOM IN THIS HOUSE
WHAT IS THIS?
A SENSE OF ALIENATION?
It's nearly dinnertime after all
AH— THE BATTERY'S DEAD I won't be long
IN OTHER WORDS, THERE WAS NO LOVE BETWEEN US TO BEGIN WITH..
DOES THAT MEAN I'VE LET HER DOWN?
SHIT...
SATOSHI
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CAN'T WALK
CAN YOU GET MY CHARGER FROM MY ROOM FOR ME?
SATOSHI-KUN
IT'S NOT A VERY TALL ORDER SO PLEASE HELP HIM OUT WILL YOU?
LIFT~
BUT IT STILL HURTS~

KNOCK
SATOSHI KUN
Here it comes.
NOT A VERY TALL ORDER?
I'LL BRING IT IF I CAN FIND IT
IF I DIG THROUGH THIS THAT IS
IS SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU?
OUCH!
GOING TO A HOTEL WITH YOU AS SOON AS YOU ASKED...
I GUESS BEING SUCH AN EASY CATCH WAS UNINTERESTING FOR YOU, HUH?
SORRY

I WAS FELT REALLY HURT BACK THEN TOO!
WHY ARE YOU BEING SO SENSITIVE ABOUT THIS?
YOU REALLY WERE AN EASY CATCH...
I DESPISED MY OWN REACTIONS...
AT LEAST I FOUND OUT LATER WHAT HAPPENED.
I THOUGHT THAT YOU'D STOLEN MY WALLET SO I CHECKED MY STUFF...
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE FIRST THOUGHT I HAD WAS?
BECAUSE I LIKED YOU, I RUSHED MY SHOWER.
BUT WHEN I CAME OUT, YOU WERE GONE
SATOSHI?
DID YOU FIND MY CHARGER?

"Let's all draw a picture of our Mommy and Daddy"
This used to be a very simple task
But now, families are very complicated
We have to tread very carefully
MY GENTLE GRANDFATHER
HEY AYAKO-SENSEI
WHO'S PARENTS ARE THOSE TWO?
AH THATS_
More families get separated
Kashiwabara Satoshi kun. 5 years old
AIKO-SENSEI, I'VE FINISHED!
HE'S GOING TO MY WIFE'S PLACE THIS WEEK
The number of single mothers is also increasing
ACTUALLY, I BROKE UP WITH MY LIVE-IN BOYFRIEND
ME

THIS IS...
THIS IS IT!!
I HAVE TO BE CARE-FUL
I CAN'T LET HIM THINK THAT HIS FAMILY IS ODD
AMAZING SATOSHI-KUN! YOU'RE WHAT DID VERY GOOD YOU DRAW AT DRAWING HERE?
Satoshi-kun's family is clearly an MxM combination
HOMO COUPLE...? WHICH ONE OF THEM IS THE "MOTHER"?
ZEROSEN!!!
WHEN I GROW UP I'M GOING TO BE LIKE OJI-CHAN A SPECIAL FORCES UNIT MEMBER!
SATOSHI-KUN YOU'RE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT STUFF I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT'S SO BO---RING
YURI-CHAN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THE SPECIAL FORCES UNIT IS? THEY'RE REALLY COOL!

T/N: MITSUBISHI A6M ZERO (ZEROSEN) WAS A KEY FIGHTER AIRCRAFT USED BY IMPERIAL JAPANESE NAVY AIR SERVICE DURING WWII. PROBABLY MOST FAMOUS FOR KAMIKAZE MISSIONS

HE'LL DIE WITHOUT EVER NEEDING TO EXPERIENCE A CRUSH OR UNREQUITED LOVE
HE'LL DEFINITELY GROW UP TO BE A PLAYBOY!!
HE'S SO POPULAR WITH GIRLS YOU CAN BET THAT HIS FIRST TIME WILL BE REALLY EARLY
ARE YOU CURSING HIM?
POOR SATOSHI KUN
LOOK
THAT CHILD IS LIKE INNOCENCE ITSELF
OJICHAN, DAI-JIICHAN!
HEY!
THAT MEANS YOUR GREAT-GRANDFATHER WORKS AT THE SPECIAL FORCES UNIT?
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE RIGHT?
I SEE. SO THEY'RE FATHER AND SON. BUT THAT MEANS THEY'RE ONLY 15 YEARS APART!?
WOW— HE'S TALL
DEFINITELY WEIRD
THAT'S NICE
Those born after the war aren't completely clueless

NO
I'M A BARBER
HUH?
ISN'T HE TOO TALL...
BUT I'VE QUIT BECAUSE MY BACK HURTS
A BARBER LIKE THAT IS ILLEGAL!
10 years later
YOU NEED TO BE MORE CAREFUL~~~
HM?
SATOSHI'S BEEN COPYING WHATEVER YOU DO LATELY
Satoshi decided that he wanted to become a hair-dresser
Aiko-sensei's curse became true
THAT'S FINE WITH ME
SHOULDN'T WE JUST START DATING?
WHY ISN'T IT GROWING~~~
END